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TRADE INDEMNITY

Never mind the quantity, feel the budget savings

IN PREPARATION for next month's Budget, William Waldegrave, the Treasury's spokesman, is chopping away behind the scenes at departmental spending budgets. He may be making progress. Challenged on the size of their own budgets, ministers after minister seem anxious to assure the House that size isn't important.

At Education questions recently, Junior Minister Eric Forth nodded gratefully when Neil Hamilton (C, Taiton) comforted him with the news that "size is not everything, and what is done with an education budget can

be just as important". Indeed, said Forth: "None of us is sizeist." There was, he said, "no proven correlation between the amount spent per pupil and the educational outcomes achieved". Even hard-liners had not realised the Department of Education now questioned whether there was any connection at all between money and schools. Presumably Waldegrave will now be insisting that Mrs Shephard's budget is cut to zero.

Yesterday we learnt that the overseas aid budget looks like falling victim to the same reasoning. Rather dolefully



MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

the minister, Jeremy Hanley, intoned a phrase we can now expect to hear often from him after the Budget: "It's not just the value of development aid," he said, "but the quality."

We may guess the direction of Tory aid policy: towards a happy day when the offering is almost too small to see, but of absolutely splendid quality. Speaking of which, Alan Duncan (C, Rutland & Mel-

ton, 5ft 5½in) looked in to inquire earnestly of William Hague, the new Secretary of State for Wales, about the prospects for Korean investment in the principality.

Hague and Duncan were at Oxford together, both, in their time, presidents of the Union. Mr Duncan has become assistant ship-kicker to the Tory Strangler (in public language, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Chair-

man of the Conservative Party) while Mr Hague has become (at 34) one of the youngest Cabinet ministers in history.

To watch the pair, nodding and bowing to each other in a pre-scripted minut concerning Korean investment in Wales, a subject in which we doubt that either has ever felt a scintilla of interest, was to wonder whether either had the least idea, in those balmy undergraduate days back at Oxford, that it would come to this.

Still, Dame Elaine Keblett-Bowman enjoyed the exchange. At 71 the dame is old

enough to be the Secretary of State's grandmother, though she boasts a better head of hair. She nodded as Hague spoke, like an elderly aunt approving a small nephew's efforts at piano recital. When he sat down she shook her mane. "Yes" she declared, "Game, set and match." Shortly after, she left. Mercifully, she did not kiss him. Hague now knows he has the Keblett-Bowman seal of approval.

And he is doing well. Teasing his professionally gloomy Labour shadow, Ron Davies, for his absence from Welsh Questions before the

summer (Opposition MPs boycotted the session in protest against Hague's appointment) Hague said "that, without Ron," it had been "Hamlet without one of the gravediggers".

Junior minister Rod Richards, chided Davies for his absence, too. Was he new Labour, old Labour or absent Labour, he mused. "New Ron, old Ron, no Ron..." If Richards had broken into "da-da-da-da" and Hague and Duncan had resumed their minute celebrating Korean investment in Wales, our sense of the surreal would have been complete.

Patients prepared for battery hearts

Two more patients are expected to have permanent battery-powered hearts implanted in their chests within the next two months, doctors said yesterday.

The operations will be carried out at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, and the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, probably before Christmas.

Abel Goodman, 64, who received one of the new devices last week at the John Radcliffe, was making good progress yesterday, a week after his operation. "He is eating and drinking normally and chatting happily," a hospital spokesman said. "He is not out of the woods yet but he is making excellent progress and may leave hospital within a fortnight."

Firework alert

Safety experts have ordered shopkeepers to stop selling a second brand of dangerous Chinese fireworks which could ignite spontaneously. Called "Thunderstorm", they are believed to have a dangerous mix of chemicals which could explode if exposed to flames or heat. A warning has also been given on "Red Lion" fireworks.

Campus toll

Student suicides have increased fourfold in ten years, new figures show. Ten students in every 100,000 took their lives in 1993-94, compared with 2.4 a decade earlier, said Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman. Students seeking help for stress were more worried about money than academic problems.

Medicine advice

Patients are to be given far more information about the drugs they are prescribed under a scheme announced by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry. From the start of next year, patients will be able to get information on safety, side-effects and the scientific studies used to get approval for the medicine.

Letter of the law

A "polite" sex attacker who sent a letter of apology to his victim after stalking, assaulting and robbing her was jailed for three years at the Old Bailey. Vincent Aroloye, 28, from Beckton, east London, was caught after the woman handed the typed anonymous note to police. Tests revealed imprints of his name and university.

Trusted helpers

Ancient breeds of ponies, sheep, cattle and goats are being used by the National Trust to save beauty spots from scrub, weeds and bushes, after tests at more than 60 sites across Britain showed their hardy build and diets were ideal for clearing rough terrain, at a fraction of the cost of men and machines.

Times Scrabble

The launch of our Scrabble scratchcard game yesterday created such interest that many readers were unable to get through on our claims lines. The claims deadline has therefore been extended and readers wishing to claim for yesterday's Game A can do so up to 1pm today. For details of today's game, see page 12.

Warmest 12 months since 1659 forecast

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE year to the end of this month is set to be the warmest 12 months since records began in 1659, the Meteorological Office said last night. The previous warmest 12-month period was from May 1, 1989, to April 30, 1990, when average temperatures were 10.8C. Over the year from November 1, 1994, to today, average temperatures were 11.2C.

This month is likely to be the warmest October since 1969, with average temperatures of 13C. Temperatures yesterday were above average for the time of year at between 14 and 15C. October is likely to be the fifth sunniest on record and the sunniest since 1971. The average amount of sunshine has been four hours a day. The sunniest October was in 1959, with 4.4 hours. It will also be the driest October since 1985.

A Met Office spokesman emphasised that figures remained provisional until data are fully compiled.

Predictions for the regions include that Northern Ireland is likely to have its sixth warmest October on record and warmest since 1969 and Cardiff Airport its warmest since records began.

The Water Services Association said plenty of rain was needed to fill the reservoirs, especially in Yorkshire, where the authority announced yesterday that it is re-applying for permission to introduce rota cuts in supply. Yorkshire Water said that despite some recent rainfall reservoir levels in Calderdale and Kirkstall are critically low. It claimed that unless cuts in supply were introduced, the area would simply run out of water.

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MoD tots up £3.6m bill for staff fraud

By JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

MILLIONS of pounds have been stolen from the Ministry of Defence by its civil servants and contractors during the past few years, according to government figures published yesterday.

More than £3.6 million has been stolen from the ministry in the past four years. So far, only about £500,000 has been recovered.

In general cases in the past 12 months that do not relate to procurement, MoD civil servants stole almost £1.1 million, up from £63,000 between 1991 and 1992. The number of fraud cases rose from 45 to 307 in the same period.

Between 1993 and 1994, MoD employees and contractors stole more than £1.5 million in reported cases relating to the procurement of equipment. This compares with £150,000 four years ago.

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat MP for Gordon, who obtained the information in a written Commons question, said: "These figures confirm the MoD's status as the most wasteful ministry in Whitehall. Fraud cases in the ministry are up by 300 per cent in two years and the amount misappropriated is up by some 1,700 per cent in three years."

"I shall as a matter of urgency be tabling further questions to discover what action is being taken to stop this fraud explosion," he said.

MoD officials said last night that the matter was being taken very seriously. "Most MoD employees stick to the law," a spokeswoman said. "You are always going to get one or two who don't."

She added that there were mechanisms in place to encourage employees to inform their superiors if they become aware of any cases of fraud.



Professor Hunt: bonus for next year to be reduced

Forecast forfeit for Met Office head

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE head of the Meteorological Office is to have his performance-related pay cut after admitting that the department incorrectly calculated figures measuring its forecasting efficiency.

Professor Julian Hunt, chief executive of the Meteorological Office, conceded last night that statistics on forecasting efficiency, customer satisfaction and commercial income were wrong.

He was told that his bonus for next year will be reduced because of last year's inaccuracies. The Met Office was criticised heavily during the summer for keeping inaccurate records of some of its targets and Professor Hunt admitted that incorrect fig-

ures had been prepared. Professor Hunt, who earns £84,000 a year, receives a 15 per cent performance-related bonus, 6 per cent of it based on meeting specific targets. He received an £8,000 bonus last year but some of the extra money was based on figures which have since been shown to be incorrect.

The Met Office claimed in its annual report that it had achieved a 75 per cent customer satisfaction rating but a report by the National Audit Office (NAO), the independent spending watchdog, showed that the success rate was only 40 per cent. The Met Office figures had been calculated on different bases from the targets, the NAO said.

Prime Minister's timetable upset Disputes hamper Cabinet quest for spending deal

By JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

HOPES of a Cabinet deal over public spending this week were fading fast last night after ministers became trapped in new disputes over education and social security.

John Major had wanted to settle next year's Whitehall budgets by Thursday's Cabinet meeting, in good time for his departure the following Tuesday for a six-day trip to the Commonwealth conference in New Zealand. However, after a marathon session last night of EDX, the Cabinet committee in charge of spending, the Prime Minister's timetable for resolving the fiercest spending round in years was in severe jeopardy.

Another EDX meeting is being held today and an emergency Cabinet is possible on Monday.

A bid by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, for an extra £800 million for schools is proving the biggest obstacle to a settlement. Because schools are funded through local authorities, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is seeking assurances from Mrs Shephard that additional money will find its way into classrooms and not be frittered away by politically hostile town halls.

The Chancellor has raised the possibility of "ring-fencing" the schools element of this year's local authority settlement as a way of forcing councils to spend the extra money on schools and of ensuring that the Conservatives reap a political dividend from higher spending.

However the proposal is fraught with technical difficul-

ties and could require politically hazardous legislation. As a fall back option ministers are also considering a country-wide propaganda campaign to bring home to parents that any shortfalls in school budgets are the fault of town halls.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, was also at loggerheads last night with the Treasury over cuts in three separate welfare payments for single mothers. Mr Lilley was said to be furious that William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, was still demanding more savings from his £85 billion social security budget.

Mr Lilley has agreed to freeze Lone Parent Premium, a £5.20 a week payment which goes to about one million single mothers on benefit at a cost of £250m a year. However this would produce only minimal savings in the short term and the Treasury is demand-

ing that the payment should be abolished, or cut. They are also proposing cutbacks in extra help given to lone parents to cover council tax costs.

The special £11.50 a week lone parent council tax premium goes to 900,000 single mothers at a cost of about £500m a year. Moves to cut, abolish or change either of these two benefits could be done without primary legislation, which makes them the front-runners.

However ministers may go further and propose the abolition of One Parent Benefit, a £6.30 weekly payment that goes to all single mothers, irrespective of income, which would require a change in the law. Mr Waldegrave warned senior backbenchers last week that he expected their support for any controversial changes.

Mr Lilley is holding out against any moves to reduce benefit payments in real terms for existing claimants, and is said to be adamant that he will not give way. He was said to be extremely angry that the Treasury had ignored his arguments and repeated demands they made at the start of spending negotiations.

The Treasury is also trying to cut back the £14 billion spent by the Scottish Office and the £6 billion by the Welsh Office.

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is said to be fighting proposals to prevent local councils spending their receipts from council house sales. The move would save £250 million a year, but would be strongly opposed by Labour-led authorities.



Waldegrave: spending row with Peter Lilley

Individual lottery grants

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the National Union of Students, said he would seek meeting with the Millennium Commission to discuss how the grants could be awarded and administered. "We would be very concerned if this money were used to replace government funding for students. But if it were an additional source of money then there are plenty who need it," he said.

Ted Nield of the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Presidents said more funding was needed for university learning - especially for mature and part-time students who were

entirely self-supporting. But Jennifer Page, the Millennium Commission's chief executive, said she was determined that the awards should be different from traditional academic bursaries or fellowships. "We are anxious to make this scheme something that anyone can have a go at."

Ms Page acknowledged that it would be virtually impossible for a single organisation to administer the Millennium Awards on its own. "With up to £5 million a year and minimum grants of £2,000 there could be thousands and thousands of grants every year," she said. The commis-

sion hopes that voluntary organisations will be able to administer the awards to people in specific fields.

The commission's grant to the Tate was one of 206 announced yesterday, including £11 million for the Rochdale Canal, £7.4 million to create a multi-media archive for Scottish schools, colleges and libraries, £6.5 million to plant 200 community woods in England and Wales, £4.2 million for woodland in the Black Country, and £3.7 million for an Orkney island community centre.

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Iraqi arms case sees secret papers

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SECRET Whitehall and security service documents were disclosed in the Appeal Court yesterday to support allegations that the Government had turned a blind eye to arms exports to Iraq in breach of its own guidelines.

As a result, four businessmen had been wrongly convicted of breaking export controls, Lord Taylor of Gwent, the Lord Chief Justice, was told. Evidence was produced that one of the four, Paul Grechan, had been working for the security services as an informer on Iraqi arms

procurement. The four businessmen, formerly of Ordco, a Reading-based arms firm, are appealing against their conviction in 1992 for selling 300,000 artillery fuses to Iraq on export licences which listed Jordan as the end-user. Mr Grechan, Bryan Mason and Paul Blackledge, received suspended jail sentences. Colin Phillips, was fined.

The court was read extracts from Foreign Office telegrams, security service records and Ministry of Defence private memoranda. Among the most embarrass-

ing for the Government is a telegram from the British Embassy in Jordan to the Foreign Office on May 28, 1990, about Mr Hurd's trip to discuss Jordan's role as a front for Iraqi arms procurement with King Hussein.


The telegram said: "Have we not turned a blind eye to Jordan's involvement in the past? The Ambassador thinks this is the case."

Geoffrey Robertson, QC, for Mr Grechan, said that his client had risked his life to provide information to the Government on Iraqi arms

procurement, including providing the first intimation of the "Supergun" project.

Quoting from M15, M16 and Special Branch documents, Mr Robertson said that Mr Grechan had provided information via his "handler", Steve Wilkinson, a Special Branch officer. Mr Robertson said that the security services were fully aware of how Mr Grechan was getting his information. "He was encouraged to continue his involvement with supplying fuses because that was the access to information about the 'Supergun'."

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'We can go on relieving poverty and sickness'

Salvation Army beats \$8 million-fraud gang

By Robert Taylor

THE Salvation Army has recovered every penny of the \$8.8 million (£5.6 million) that it lost to a sophisticated international 'swindle' together with \$4.9 million interest.

After a two-and-a-half-year search involving 23 countries and up to 90 lawyers from Slaughter and May, the army's solicitors, the organisation was able to announce the recovery yesterday which includes the initial loss as well as interest and recovery costs.

Paul Rader, General of the Salvation Army, said: "The army has learnt some hard but valuable lessons and during the recovery process we have instituted a number of organisational changes. We can now put this matter behind us and continue with our mission to relieve poverty and sickness."

The army, which started its legal action to recover missing funds in February 1993, had been duped into handing over its money to invest in standby letters of credit and prime bank notes, which the fraudsters said could be bought at a discount and sold at a guaranteed profit. No such investment instruments exist. The scam is often known as a "ponzi" or pyramid investment scheme.

Shortly after the army transferred \$10 million to the Antwerp branch of ASLE-



Rader: has carried out organisational changes

OGER Bank it is alleged that Stuart Christopher Ford, a Birmingham loan broker who ran Tilen Securities, and Gamil Mounir Naguib, an Egyptian-born Canadian who claimed to represent the bogus Islamic Pan American Bank from Argentina, transferred \$8.8 million to a bank in Luxembourg. The army's fundraiser, Colonel Grenville Burn, who with Mr Ford transferred the money to Luxembourg, was dismissed from his post in 1993, although he had been duped rather than being a participant in any fraudulent activity. During a 12-week period the

army's millions were lost. One of the first assets to be traced was the Castle Inn, a highland pub in Dorrie, which was bought for £225,000 by Lawrence Gillick, a Scottish businessman.

Just over \$3 million was returned to Britain where it was used by Mr Ford to repay numerous personal debts and for other purposes, such as a personal loan to Gillick.

About \$4.35 million of Salvation Army money was placed in the hands of associates of Mr Naguib, who themselves had been tricked into buying a false \$5 million bank instrument.

Slaughter and May found that Mr Naguib's associates had been sold the bank instrument through the company of Harold Glantz of New York. He was described by US authorities as having "known connections and associations" with the Mafia.

He is being held in federal custody in New York pending extradition to The Netherlands for questioning in relation to the army's missing money. He worked with Guido Haak, a Dutch associate who has been sent to prison for embezzlement in Holland.

With the army's money, Mr Glantz bought a property in Malibu in his own name and properties in Santa Monica and Hollywood in the names of nominees. He was also named in an indictment is-

sued in Boston, Massachusetts, last year, on charges arising out of an international investigation involving the FBI, British officers from the Devon and Cornwall police, and Dutch and Swiss authorities.

The army fraud is still being investigated by the Metropolitan Police's company fraud department. The Slaughter and May team were helped in their efforts to track down the missing funds by the fact that, once the matter became public, the Salvation Army gave its full co-operation.

In many other similar cases investors are reluctant to step forward and admit that they have been conned. In this case the solicitors made great use of the civil courts in pursuing claims in different countries.

The continuing police investigation, however, is being hampered by complex questions of jurisdiction.

The prime bank instrument fraud, such as that perpetrated on the Salvation Army, is still prevalent but, as the international fight against fraud begins to bite, criminals have started making greater use of the "advanced fee" fraud to fleece investors. This involves taking a payment from an investor in return for the promise of a substantial loan which is never forthcoming.

Army saved, page 29



Umrao Singh, from India, outside St Martin-in-the-Fields yesterday

Gallant veterans honoured by royalty

By John Young

LONDON paid its respects yesterday to 58 heroes of past conflicts — holders of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross, the supreme military and civilian awards for gallantry — who laid a wreath at the Cenotaph.

The veterans, who came from as far afield as Sarawak and Nepal, included Umrao Singh, from India, who was almost excluded from this year's VE-Day commemorations by mistake and who is believed to have been instrumental in persuading John Major to increase VC and GC pensions from £100 to £1,300 a year.

Earlier the veterans had attended a reception hosted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Among them was Ernest "Smoky" Smith, from Vancouver, who made plain his disapproval of the hoax by his compatriot, the disc jockey Pierre Brassard, who broadcast a telephone conversation with the Queen.

"I think it's terrible," Mr Smith, who was decorated for destroying two enemy tanks and two guns during the Italian campaign in 1944, said. "They get away with anything these days."

After the wreath-laying ceremony the veterans attended a service at St Martin-in-the-Fields before going to tea at St James's Palace with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Legion's plea, page 9

Referee burgled hotels for ten years

By Kate Alderson

A FORMER senior football referee led a bizarre double life for ten years, stealing hotel keys and later returning to burglar the rooms, a court was told yesterday.

Michael Peck, 50, a referee for 23 years who became referees officer for the Endleigh Football League earlier this year, admitted two charges of theft, four of burglary and two of obtaining property totalling £3,300 by deception. He asked for a further 75 cases to be taken into consideration at Carlisle Crown Court.

Peck, married with two grown-up daughters, was ordered to do 200 hours' community service and pay a total of £534 compensation to three of his victims.

Tim Holroyde, for the prosecution, said Peck was deputy head of Queen Katherine's school in Kendal until last April, when he took up his post with the league.

After leaving the school, where he had worked for 15 years alongside his refereeing duties, his locker was cleared and was found to contain various wallets with credit cards and driving licences, a number of cameras, and items of men's clothing. Thirty keys were also recovered.

Peck told police how over ten years he had gone to hotels taking any room keys left in doors. At a later date he would return, let himself in and steal any property worth having.

Mother's heart stopped five times

By A Staff Reporter

A WOMAN whose heart stopped five times as doctors struggled to save her unborn child was back at home yesterday with a healthy baby daughter, Katrina Hopkins, who spent 33 days in intensive care after an emergency Caesarean section, said: "It was a series of miracles which kept Kayleigh and me alive."

Mrs Hopkins, 36, from Kirkwall, Orkney, was at an antenatal clinic when nurses saw early signs of eclampsia, a blood-pressure problem that can become serious during pregnancy. She was immediately transferred to the special baby-care unit of Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

Six days later, on September 14, her blood pressure soared, her lungs became congested with fluid and she showed early signs of cardiac failure. Mrs Hopkins was taken to the intensive-care unit where her heart stopped.

The registrar decided to conduct a Caesarean immediately and doctors used cardi-

ac massage and electric shocks to keep Mrs Hopkins alive until the baby could be delivered without anaesthetic.

Less than an hour after Mrs Hopkins was taken to intensive care, Kayleigh was born, four weeks premature and weighing 5lb 9oz. The mother's condition was stabilised but she was critically ill.

"No one had time to record the time of Kayleigh's birth because it was extremely hectic in there," Dr Russell Lees, consultant obstetrician, said. "Mrs Hopkins arrested five times in 25 minutes. There was a very short period when neither baby nor mother was getting oxygen."

Mrs Hopkins said: "Talk about being in the right place at the right time. If I had been anywhere else other than in the intensive care unit of the hospital, we would have died. It was all a bit of a blur but everything is fine now and I can't speak highly enough of the skills of the Raigmore Hospital team."

Nelson letter shows how he lost patience with servant

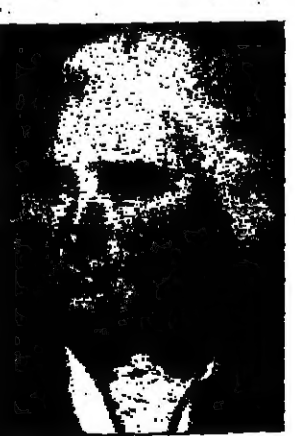
By Andrew France

LORD Nelson's reputation as a loyal defender of his men has been dented by the discovery of a letter in which he pours scorn on a faithful but erratic manservant.

Three days before he set sail for death and glory at Trafalgar in 1805, Britain's most heroic naval figure penned a harsh job reference about Tom Allen, his batman of more than 10 years' standing.

The unpublished letter from Nelson to the Rev J. Glasce is being auctioned by Phillips in London next month. It is expected to fetch thousands of pounds for an anonymous private collector.

Nelson wrote: "I am just fagged with your letter of the 27th respecting Thomas Allen. Although I kept him for many years about me yet I fear he did not make a very grateful return to my kindness to him. He never was my steward nor did I think him able to perform such a service well."



Nelson: at Trafalgar without usual batman

said: "It is not known what provoked this harsh rebuke from someone whose generosity of spirit and intense loyalty have become a byword."

Nelson scholars, while surprised by the hostile tone, were in no doubt about the reason. Tom Pocock, the author of five books on Nelson, said: "He was kind to his

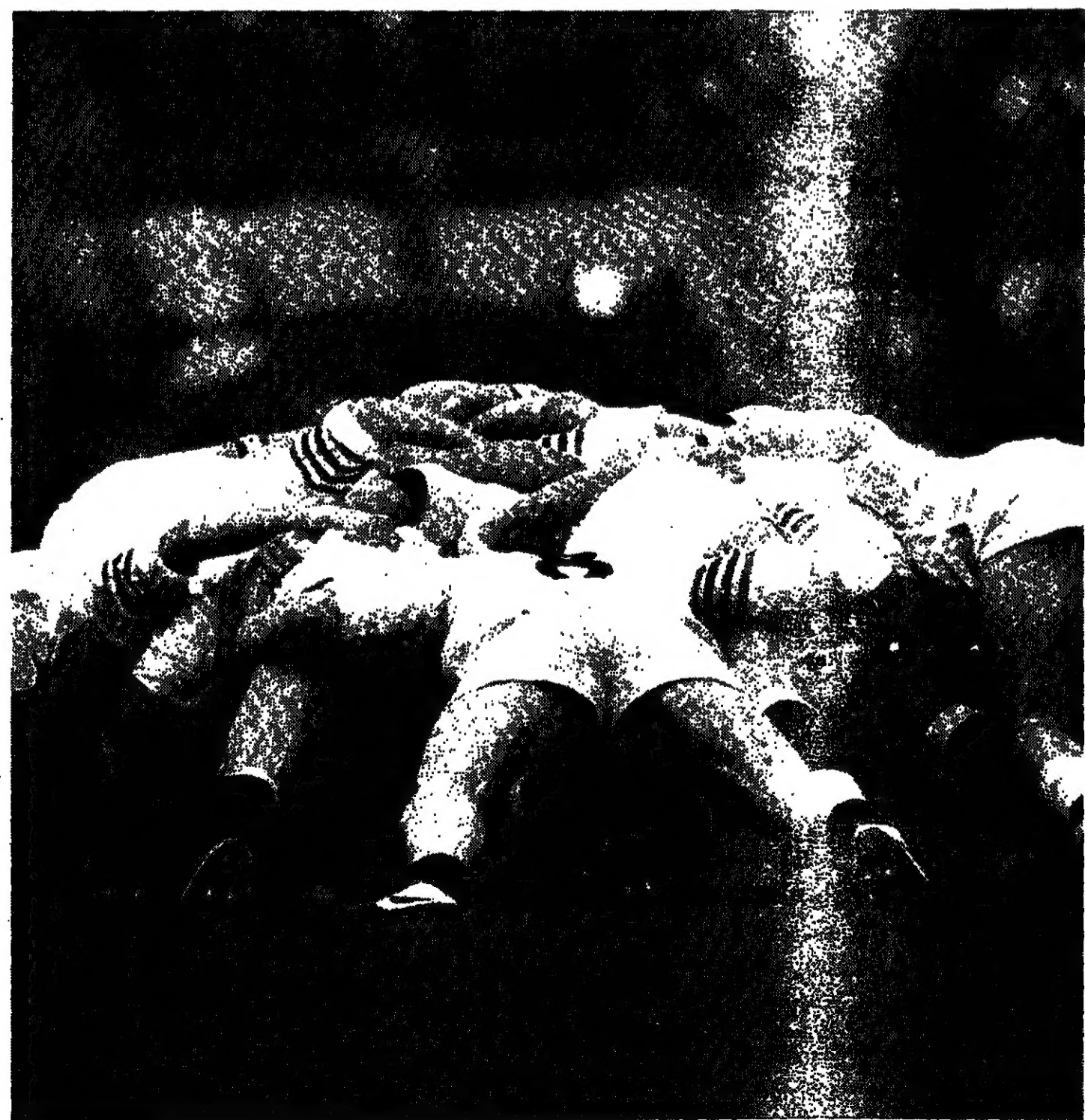
servants but Tom Allen was an irascible rogue. His behaviour shocked people who dined with Nelson on his ships."

None more so that King Ferdinand of Naples after an epic victory in 1798. Mr Pocock said: "When King Ferdinand came on board he did not know who Tom Allen was and held his hand out for it to be kissed. Allen shook it vigorously and said, 'How do you do Mr King?'"

Nelson made excuses for his servant — they had known each other since they grew up together in the Norfolk village of Burnham Thorpe. But they parted company before the Battle of Trafalgar and to his dying day Allen insisted that Nelson would have survived if he had been on board the Victory.

Allen ended his days as a pensioner at Greenwich Hospital. "He was such a character there that when he died in 1834 Captain Hardy, the Governor, paid for a headstone. It remains there today," said Mr Pocock.

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Cromwell Street murder trial jury is urged to be painstaking, fair and impartial

QC puts Mrs West in witness box 'to fight bias and distortion'

IN A DRAMATIC opening to the seventeenth day of the trial of Rosemary West at Winchester Crown Court, Richard Ferguson, QC, confirmed to Mr Justice Mantell that Mrs West would begin the defence case by going into the witness box. Mr Ferguson said his client wanted to state that she was innocent of the charges of murdering ten women or young girls.

A major plank in the prosecution case was that if Mrs West, 42, lived in the same house as Frederick West then she must have known what was going on. But the defence submitted that much of the evidence called to support this theory was affected by prejudice and distortion.

"I want to tell you now, as loudly and clearly as I can, that Rosemary West is not guilty of any of the counts in this indictment. She neither

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knew of, nor participated in, any of the acts which led to the deaths of these girls.

"Just because, for example, the police say you are guilty of an offence does not mean that it must be true. Just because my learned friend Mr Leveson [Brian Leveson, QC, prosecution counsel] has put together a convenient, from the point of view of the Crown, and superficially attractive theory, does not mean you must accept it."

The defence barrister said that they did not have to accept witnesses' evidence. "I have little doubt that since you were sworn in as jurors you have had many voices telling you what you should do, many opinions offered by people who know nothing about the case except what they read or

saw on their television. The day before this trial commenced I was told by a taxi driver that the State would be doing us all a great service if someone put arsenic in Rosemary West's tea. I asked the gentleman if he knew anything about the case and he said no.

"I find that shocking and I have no doubt whatsoever that you will find that shocking. I have equally no doubt that your approach to this case will be painstaking, fair, and impartial."

Mr Ferguson said: "You may think that it's as clear as a pikestaff that Frederick West murdered or was party to these murders. How do we know that?"

"You have heard that police put it to Mrs West during her

interviews that Fred had made a confession to the murder of Heather, that he had told everyone who had been with him: his solicitor, the cell guard I think, a policewoman and those who had been concerned in interviewing him.

"We know, do we not — again a matter for you — that Mr West pointed out to the police where to look for the remains, and those remains were found where he had indicated."

Mrs West had not been charged with the murders of Ann McFall and Mr West's first wife Rena, Mr Ferguson said. "You may conclude that Frederick West had murdered before he met this defendant. Ann McFall was last seen in May 1967 when Rosemary West was 13 years of age."

In addition, Frederick West had "all the time in the world" to deal with the remains of victims, Mr Ferguson said. West was able to "hide behind his DIY activities. No one was going to question him as to what he was doing in the basement."

Mr Ferguson also urged the jury to consider carefully the evidence of the mother of Lynda Gough who earlier in the trial told how she "shuddered" with fear when she went past 25 Cromwell Street and noticed cellar doors had been bricked up. Mr Ferguson said the jury now knew that there were no bricked-up cellar doors that would have been visible at No 25.

He said Mrs West was only 15 when she met West, who was a married man, considerably older, living with his daughter and stepdaughter. "She, like others, fell under his spell, became pregnant by him. Thereafter Frederick West abused her as he abused everyone else during his evil life. It is because of her marriage and her co-habitation with him that she is before this court."

"The fact that Rosemary West may be a lesbian doesn't



Richard Ferguson, QC, with Sasha Wass, another member of the defence team

make her a murderer. The fact she had sex with some of the lodgers doesn't make her a murderer. The fact that she was forced into prostitution doesn't make her a murderer. The fact she had sex with her house doesn't make her a murderer."

No 25 Cromwell Street was not an average house lived in by a family with 2.4 children, Mr Ferguson said. It was full of children, with lodgers where people came and went without question or comment. It was a refuge for the "loisirs and jetsam of modern life."

Likewise, in the jurors' homes signs of excavations would be a matter for comment, but not so in the Wests' house because Frederick was a builder and DIY enthusiast.

For these reasons Mr Ferguson urged the jurors to remove what he called the "co-habitation theory" from the case, that Mrs West must have known what was going on.

Mr Ferguson suggested that if the jury thought the two murders Mrs West had not been charged with tended to support an assumption that West murdered before he met his second wife, "then some consequences become apparent." "It is apparent, is it not, that he was capable of murder without her assistance. It is also apparent, is it not, that he was capable of dismembering and disposing of the bodies without her knowledge, help or assistance."

Mr Ferguson told the jury: "The Crown has built a very intelligent, very careful and very speculative case. The stack of cards upon which their case rests is that all the victims were the victims of sexual abuse, and that Rosemary West was a necessary ingredient in that mix."

Mr Ferguson said that Mr Leveson "told you that Rosemary West must have either encouraged a number of the victims to Cromwell Street. What if evidence called on behalf of the defence indicates to your satisfaction that Frederick West did, on occasions, try to entice people into his car on his own?"

The jury had heard evidence from Caroline Owens and Catherine Halliday, and Anna-Marie Davis that Mrs West had taken "some perverted sexual pleasure" in her dealings with them, but they

participated in a television documentary. Mr Ferguson maintained that the documentary could not be shown unless Mrs West were convicted.

Anna-Marie Davis was under contract to the *Daily Star*. "Despite the fact she explained to you that she was not interested in money, she has been paid £3,000 with more to come. Arrangements have been made for her to write a book and she has an arrangement with a television company."

"You may think that either consciously or unconsciously

number of occasions, which would have substantiated her account."

She had not tried to call out or to escape even when she had seen another girl who was being sexually abused, abused and humiliated.

Miss A, he recalled, had been sexually abused by her father and her brother. "Tragically she has a psychiatric background and history which may make you pause before you accept the evidence she has given."

Referring to Kathryn Halliday's evidence, he recalled how she said she kept "going back for more." The QC suggested she was not degraded or humiliated to the extent she alleged.

Mrs West had been interviewed on tape — recordings that the jury had heard in the court last week, Mr Ferguson said. They had also heard that police had telephone-tapped a number of "safe houses" in which she had stayed for more than two months.

He added: "Not a word of admission came from that evidence which was put before you. And now you will hear from her in person that she is innocent of these charges."

"All I ask is that during the course of her evidence that you bear in mind that for her, even more than any other witness, this will be a considerable ordeal. This was her family and this was her home. This is her case."

A male juror was discharged because of what was described as "something that happened over the weekend."

The remaining panel of seven men and four women will now decide Mrs West's guilt or innocence. No reason for the man leaving the jury panel was given in open court.

Bear in mind that for her, even more than any other witness, this will be an ordeal. This was her family and this was her home

had been allowed to live. The defence barrister then referred to those three witnesses and another, Miss A. He said: "What they have in common is that each has an involvement with the media."

Caroline Owens, ten days after her first statement to the police, spoke to the media. She has already received £9,500 and has £10,500 to come after publication.

"Miss A contacted the media after the criminal proceedings, curious to find out what was happening. Apparently she felt the police either could not or would not satisfy her curiosity. She is to receive £30,000."

Kathryn Halliday contacted the press because she said she felt people "needed to know what was going on". Mr Ferguson said. She had now been paid by a newspaper and

they must be aware that the more sensational the evidence, the more the media will pay for their stories. You may think that consciously or unconsciously they know that what they will be paid is contingent upon there being convictions in this case."

In dealing with Caroline Owens's evidence, Mr Ferguson pointed out that in the absence of her original witness statement all that was available was the facts of the magistrates' court appearance. Mrs West had been fined £50 for what happened to Mrs Owens.

The QC said that she was not taken to hospital nor did she require medical treatment.

Miss A, he said, had not complained for more than 20 years. She could not remember anything about the house, which she said she visited on a

'Nanny? I don't remember that we had one'

THE RIDDLE OF CAROLINE OWENS

DURING the evidence given yesterday by Rosemary West, she was asked about the claims earlier in the trial by Caroline Owens, a former nanny, that she was kidnapped by the couple while hitchhiking home.

Ms Owens had told the court she was assaulted by Mrs West in the back of the car before being bound and gagged, and later subjected to sexual assaults by Mr and Mrs West at their house in Cromwell Street.

Mrs West said that she had no recollection of Mrs Owens being their nanny. She could not remember the allegations which were eventually put to her by police or details of her court appearance, when she was fined £50 for indecent assault.

Mrs West said that she did have a vague recollection of giving Ms Owens a lift and that Mr West had persuaded her to attempt a lesbian relationship with Ms Owens. "I thought Caroline had agreed to this. I told him I didn't think Caroline was that way inclined but I allowed myself to be persuaded that she was willing."

"I remember putting my arms around her and touching her on top of her clothes. As soon as she put up a resistance I stopped. All I can remember is being frightened. Fred was a threat."

"I just remember that things got out of hand. I was pleading with Fred for it to stop. I didn't want Caroline hurt. It was just a mess."

no recall of Ms Owens being taped across the mouth and being taken back to Cromwell Street. "I was fighting with Fred. I was trying to stop it. I was terrified."

"I believe I was just as much a victim as Caroline was. I felt frightened and intimidated by the situation. I'd never broken the law before. I knew it was wrong to force anyone to do anything."

Mrs West said that she believed Ms Owens was exaggerating her claims against her and was terrified when police came to interview her after the incident in December 1972. She believed she was about to have her children taken away from her.

She claimed the incident led to a row with her husband in which she threatened to leave him and to take the children with her. However, she stayed because West could be "persuasive and intimidating."

She said: "He had a lot of influence over me." She finally decided against leaving because she had no money and nowhere else to go. Mrs West said: "The whole situation was traumatic for me and Fred had also promised faithfully to me that nothing like this would ever happen again. I was vulnerable to his persuasion and his promises."

She said that she and her husband had picked up other hitchhikers in the past but had always dropped them off wherever they wanted to go. Richard Ferguson, QC: "Did you ever pick up any young girls?" Mrs West: "No, sir."



The houses occupied by the Wests at 25 Midland Road, left, and 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, which was described yesterday as "not an ordinary house"



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'I was raped twice by strangers then seduced by lying charmer'

RAPED twice before she was 16, abandoned by her mother, and duped by the false promises of love and care from her "evil" future husband, this was the picture of her early years described by Rosemary West.

Frequently breaking down in tears as she gave evidence, Mrs West also spoke of her love for all her children including her daughter Heather, whose remains were unearthed at 25 Cromwell Street.

Called to the witness box just before midday, she asked if she could sit down while giving evidence. She said that her early years had been spent in Barnstaple, Devon. The family then moved to Plymouth before finding a new home in Bishops Cleeve, near Cheltenham.

"I had two younger brothers, one older brother and three older sisters," she told the court. She had been "very close" with the two younger boys. She had always "loved" other children — I spent most of my life with them.

Mr Ferguson asked: "What age were you when you first had sex?" She replied: "About 14."

Mrs West recalled a Christmas party the year after, when she had been raped by a stranger. Hoping for a lift home with a friend's parents, she had been "abandoned". She went on: "This fellow forced me into his car. I felt I had to get in. He said he was going to take me home. Instead we went to the hills."

The man put her in fear of her life before compelling her to have sexual intercourse, she said. Mr Ferguson asked if she had told her parents. "No, I didn't," replied Mrs West, sobbing quietly.

Shortly afterwards, her par-

ents separated. Mrs West went with her mother and two younger brothers to live with a sister in Cheltenham. "I had a job about this time, and I came back one night and my mum and my brothers were not there — they had gone, moved on and left me with my sister. It had a devastating effect on me."

Subsequently, she moved in with one of her sister's male friends — "a much older man". The pair had sex "on more than one occasion". She was 15.

Some weeks later, while she was working at a bread shop, she was approached by a man at a Cheltenham bus stop. "He was chatting me up. I was resisting his advances but he was very forceful. It got out of hand, so I ran away towards a nearby park. He grabbed me, pulled me towards the park and smashed the padlock off the park gates as though it was nothing. He had said he was in the army and I presumed he was very fit."

The man dragged her towards trees by a lake in the park and raped her. "Did you tell your parents?" asked Mr Ferguson. "No, sir, I didn't," she replied.

Mrs West described how she first met West at a bus stop. He eventually asked her out.

Her reaction to him had been "shock and horror" at first. "I made it clear that I was not interested, but he was very persistent."

On their first date, West gave her a fur coat and a lace dress. At first she refused to accept the gifts. "I had no intention of getting involved. I knew my parents would not approve," she said.

The two began a relationship and began having sex. Her parents were furious. "They tried to put a stop to it in every way possible. They threatened me and tried to intimidate me. They threatened Fred and told the authorities that he was having sex with an under-age girl."

Mr Ferguson asked Mrs West how she now felt about her late husband. "He promised me everything. Because I was so young, I fell for his lies. He promised to love me and care for me and I fell for it."

"I thought, 'Well my mum left me, my dad abused my mum and I'd just like someone to love me.'"

She said her parents tried to persuade her to have an abortion and not to see West any more. She remembered waiting in her room because an ambulance had been called. Her father came to her bedroom giving her an ultimatum, saying she could stay at home if she had an abortion and got a job. The alternative was she must leave home.

At the time, her main



Rosemary and Frederick West: "He promised to love and care for me and I fell for it"

thought was for her future stepchildren. Anne Marie and Charmaine, who needed looking after and were in a council home. "I thought they needed parents and a settled life, and I also wanted my baby."

Mrs West said she decided to leave home and West found a flat for them in Cheltenham. She was 17.

West served a prison sentence for stealing a car tax disc. When he came out of prison, Mrs West said: "He asked me if I had been with other men. I said, 'No, of course not.' He asked me, 'Why not?'"

Her voice shaking she continued: "He told me he wanted me to go with other men." This happened in the summer of 1971, before their daughter Heather's first birthday. "He always brought the subject up. It was a daily thing he talked about. There was this very, very strong persuasion and reasons why I should. He gave me assorted reasons. One was that I was a very young girl and I couldn't just dedicate

myself to looking after children and doing housework. I needed a break and I needed to go out."

"He said he would welcome it," Mrs West said her husband and a neighbour, Elizabeth Agius, appeared to get on well and "messed about physically" in her presence.

Then, while she was in hospital having her second child, West appeared reluctant to collect her for some days. She eventually discharged herself and returned to the flat in Midland Road, where she found her stepdaughter Ann Marie cleaning the windows and her baby daughter Heather lying unattended in her cot with a dirty nappy. Mrs West learned that her husband was next door with Mrs Agius. After hammering angrily on her door, the couple emerged looking "flushed and hassled."

Mrs West went on to tell how her growing family moved to 25 Cromwell Street. "It was old and neglected and very run down. Asked to describe the cellar, she said:

"To me, it was like a cold, wet, damp cave. It was dark and wet and gloomy. It remained in that condition for quite some time. After a few years, it was renovated by her husband, who carried out extensive repairs."

"He wouldn't allow any of us down there. He said it was not a place to have a pregnant woman or small children. He would lock off the doors and do whatever he was doing."

She described her husband as a workaholic. It was not unusual for him to be digging up the floors. He built an extension, rewired the building, decorated and plastered.

She was persuaded they needed male lodgers to help with the mortgage. "I considered them drop-outs. They were smoking drugs. They never bothered about cleanliness and looking after anyone else's property."

She said the house was raided by drugs squad officers on what seemed an almost daily basis. She admitted sleeping with one of the lodgers but it was a "one off."

She claimed she would resist her husband's suggestions that she sleep with other men, but Mr West suggested it was for the benefit of their marriage. "He was always on about other men. And if I kept resisting him, he would use emotional blackmail. He could be very persuasive, pushy. He would say things like, 'You aren't doing enough for the marriage. I am the breadwinner. I bring in all the money, you have got to play your part.'"

"When we eventually got the boys out of the house, obviously I said 'That's it, that's the last of the tenants'. Then Fred suggested we have females in, because they would look after the house a lot better."

Mr Ferguson asked how West behaved with the female lodgers. Mrs West said: "He spent a lot of time with them. He was always doing things for them, giving them a lift here or taking them down to their mums, or sorting out their problems, redecorating their rooms. He was always round about with them."

When he was in a bad mood, it was almost as if he was jealous because of the other men he forced her to go with, she claimed. "He would always have a go at me for some reason or other. If he thought he was losing the argument, he would use his fists and hit me."

Mrs West claimed West hit her regularly. As a couple, they never went out together. She would go to the pub or clubs in Gloucester, where she would meet other men. "It was mainly to pick up other men. That is what Fred intended."

Mrs West maintained that no money was involved. She added: "If money came into it at all, then it was only like Easter or Christmas. They would say here is a tenner, go and have a drink at Christmas. If it was one of the children's birthdays they would say, take some money for the kids. That's all. Sometimes they would give me flowers or chocolate."

Asked by Mr Ferguson about how she began having lesbian relationships, Mrs West said that after 1977 and the birth of a daughter, West had suggested that she go with another girl. Talking about her lesbian activities, Mrs West, in a soft voice, said: "They were entirely different than when I went with a man. They were warmer, closer. I would say they were a lot more fun, and because of that I also felt closer and more satisfied in a sexual way with them," she said.

Mrs West admitted that some of her eight children were by different fathers. "It was his idea. He would call them our love children. There was no secret about them. I didn't want the fathers to know. Fred told them anyway."

'Fred just told me she went with her mum'

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CHARMINE WEST

AT THE age of 17, Rosemary West went to live with Frederick West in a flat at Cheltenham. He was then sent to jail for nine months for the theft of a car tax disc and she looked after his children Charmaine and Anne Marie as best she could.

Richard Ferguson, QC, for her defence, asked: "How did you regard the two stepchildren?" Mrs West: "I wanted to look after them. I wanted to protect them as much as I could. I loved them, in fact. I did all I could as a young girl to look after them. I did not want to see them back in homes again."

"I thought I was able to look after them until Charmaine started resisting my care. She was not eating, running away and generally disagreeing with anything I said or did."

"We got on very well. I loved them straight away. I felt sorry for them because their mother was not around."

She was asked if during the time of their friendship she ever had occasion to punish any of the children. Mrs West replied that she would discipline the children by giving them a smack on the legs or on the bottom.

Mr Ferguson: "Did you ever have Charmaine standing on a chair with her hands tied behind her back?" Mrs West: "No, sir, that never happened."

Mr Ferguson: "Did you ever smack her with a wooden spoon?" Mrs West: "No."

West was released from

prison in June 1971. But while he was inside, Charmaine had continued to be awkward and disruptive, and had told her several times she wanted to be with her mother.

Mrs West discussed this with West on a prison visit. She said that he sympathised with her and with Charmaine. Mrs West said: "I had made it abundantly clear I was perfectly willing to keep

still there when he came back." She said: "Yes, she was." It was shortly after he came out of prison when she disappeared.

The QC asked her to tell what had happened. There was a long pause and Mrs West said: "Fred said he had got in contact with Charmaine's and Anne's mum and that she agreed to have Charmaine, for that is what Charmaine wanted and that she was coming to the house to pick Charmaine up."

West advised her it would be better if she were not around. "I was only a young girl myself. So far as I was concerned it was their past life. It was her child and it was up to them to sort it out."

She said that Charmaine's mother came to the house but Mrs West did not speak to her. The QC asked: "Did you have any conversation with her?" Mrs West: "No, I walked straight past." Where did she go, asked the QC. Mrs West, sobbing deeply, said: "I'm sorry." The QC asked her again where she had gone.

Mrs West replied that she took Heather (her own daughter) and Anne Marie to her mother's. They did not return until late that evening and Charmaine had gone.

"Fred just told me that Charmaine had gone with her mum and she was very happy about it and in a way I was pleased for her. He said she had gone back to Scotland with her." Mrs West agreed that she had no reason to disbelieve that.



Charmaine: Mrs West denies tying her hands

Charmaine on ... But if it was the best thing for her to be with her mother ... then in that context he agreed with me. He said he would sort it out."

West told her he could easily contact Charmaine's mother. Mrs West said she made no distinction in the treatment of the two children. Mr Ferguson: "Can you remember if Charmaine was

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Livestock dealer suspends exports

By MICHAEL HORNSEY

ANIMAL rights campaigners claimed a victory yesterday after a livestock exporter suspended shipments of calves and sheep through the port of Brightlingsea in Essex.

Roger Mills, the trader, said the suspension was temporary and had been caused by a shortage of animals available for export and restrictions imposed by Essex Police.

Maria Wilby, a member of Brightlingsea Against Live Exports, which has organised regular demonstrations at the port since January, said: "We believe this is the beginning of the end of animal shipments through this port."

Mr Mills, whose company Live Sheep Traders (Ireland) is based in Suffolk, plans for the time being to switch exports to Dover, which will now be the only port handling livestock to the Continent.

Shootings provoke Orkney outcry despite escalating seal attacks on fish and lobsters

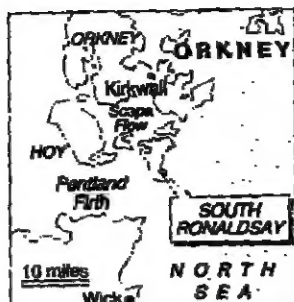
Fishermen deny seal slaughter but call for official culling

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

FISHERMEN in Orkney yesterday condemned the illegal slaughter of 25 suckling seal pups but renewed calls for the Government to sanction a legal cull to protect fish and lobster stocks.

The pups and an adult seal were discovered shot on a remote part of South Ronaldsay at the weekend. Yesterday Kirkwall police removed four corpses for examination. There is no possibility that they were legally killed as it is the closed season for shooting grey seals. Outside the closed season, fishermen are allowed to shoot seals providing that they have the necessary adjustment to their firearms licence and use the correct calibre of rifle, and that the seals are interfering with their creels, nets or fish farms.

There are about 141,000



Years ago spotting a seal was a rare occurrence. Now there are up to a hundred lying on the beaches and you can walk right up to them with the dog. They are becoming more and more sophisticated at opening lobster creels. A fisherman can pull in 20 creels and find everyone of them opened and the bait missing.

The Scottish Office said ministers had looked at the question of a seal cull in Orkney in July but had rejected it. The issue will not be considered again for a year.

"The seal is the most protected unendangered species in Britain. Under the Conservation of Seals Act 1970 the closed season for grey seals is from September 1 to December 31 and for common seals from June 1 to August 31," a spokesman said. Non-lethal methods of population control such as contraceptive darts have also been rejected.

The last official seal culls in



Maureen Bain and Ross Fleet of Orkney Seal Rescue, which reported the shooting of the pups to the police

Orkney were in the late 1970s when about 3,000 seals a year were killed but there was a huge public outcry and they were stopped.

Cameron Taylor, chief executive of the Orkney Tourist Board, said the slaughter of the South Ronaldsay seals was

"extremely sad". He added: "The natural environment of Orkney is central to its tourism. This sort of thing does not help people's perception of Orkney."

John Robins of Animal Concern, who has written to the Scottish Office calling for an

inquiry, estimates that 5,000 seals are legally killed in Britain each year. "We have called for a boycott of Scottish fish. People may be paying a few pounds for their fish but these seals are paying with their lives," he said.

Alan Coghill, secretary of

the Orkney Fishermen's Association, said: "We do not condone the indiscriminate shooting of seals. Fishermen here live pretty close to nature and seals are part of their lives. There is no evidence that fishermen were involved in this act."

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Boy loses hand as he makes firework

A teenager blew his hand off as he sat in his bedroom making a firework from do-it-yourself instructions.

Nick Peacock, 16, was detained in intensive care at Freetown Hospital, Bristol, after the explosion on Sunday night in the bedroom of his home at Box, near Bath. Police believe Nick obtained the instructions for making explosive devices from a friend, who in turn found them from an American contact on the Internet.

Murphy: fears campus freedom is threatened

Students accuse Islamic militants

By DAVID CHAFFER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMIC extremist groups were blamed yesterday by the National Union of Students for a rise in racial tension on campuses.

Incidents of verbal and physical assaults have led more than 100 student unions to ban the group Hizb ut-Tahrir. Campus monitoring by the NUS over the past year found that threats and harassment were twice as likely to be blamed on extreme Islamic groups than on ultra right-wing organisations.

Jim Murphy, the NUS president, said the multiracial ethos of British universities was under threat. He called for tighter control of the Internet after a rise in racist material received by universities, including details of the Holocaust sent to history departments.

Mr Murphy said: "We are genuinely concerned for the safety and academic freedom of students throughout the country. These organisations are involved in a campaign of wanton discrimination, verbal and in some cases physical violence."

He called on the Department for Education and Employment and the Home Office to use legislation to ensure that campuses were free from intimidation.

Hizb ut-Tahrir, also known as The Party of God, accused the NUS of a hate campaign and denied incitement and discrimination. Irfan Waheed, a spokesman, said NUS claims that the group's members harassed Jewish students were "lies and fabrication".

This term there were confrontations between Hizb ut-Tahrir members and students at freshers' fairs at University College London and Cambridge University, London Guildhall University, at Whitechapel, east London, closed for a day because of a 300-strong demonstration by the group over alleged attacks on Muslim students.

Dutch arrest fans

Eight British football supporters were arrested and ordered to be deported yesterday after nearly a hundred Leeds United followers arrived at Eindhoven in The Netherlands without tickets for today's UEFA Cup match against PSV Eindhoven.

Tanker all-clear

The oil tanker *Borja*, which ran aground outside Milford Haven, was refloated yesterday and towed to the Herbranson terminal near by. The Marine Pollution Control Unit said there had been no spills of oil from the hulled Norwegian-registered ship.

PC jailed

PC Paul Flower, 41, one of the first officers on the scene of the Hillsborough football disaster, was jailed for two months yesterday and disqualified from driving while three times over the drink limit.

Girl returns

A seven-year-old girl missing from her home in Hyde, Greater Manchester, since Tuesday has returned home with her father, Lauren White went to find her father who left after a family row. They had spent a week on holiday in Blackpool.

Oasis to play

The rock band Oasis is to go ahead with two concerts at Earl's Court in London this weekend after bassist Paul McGuigan, who had suffered from nervous exhaustion, agreed to play. His replacement had walked out.

The British Heart Foundation suffered no loss, and was not involved, in a case in which a broker who stole shares from a City firm was jailed for six years (report, October 14).

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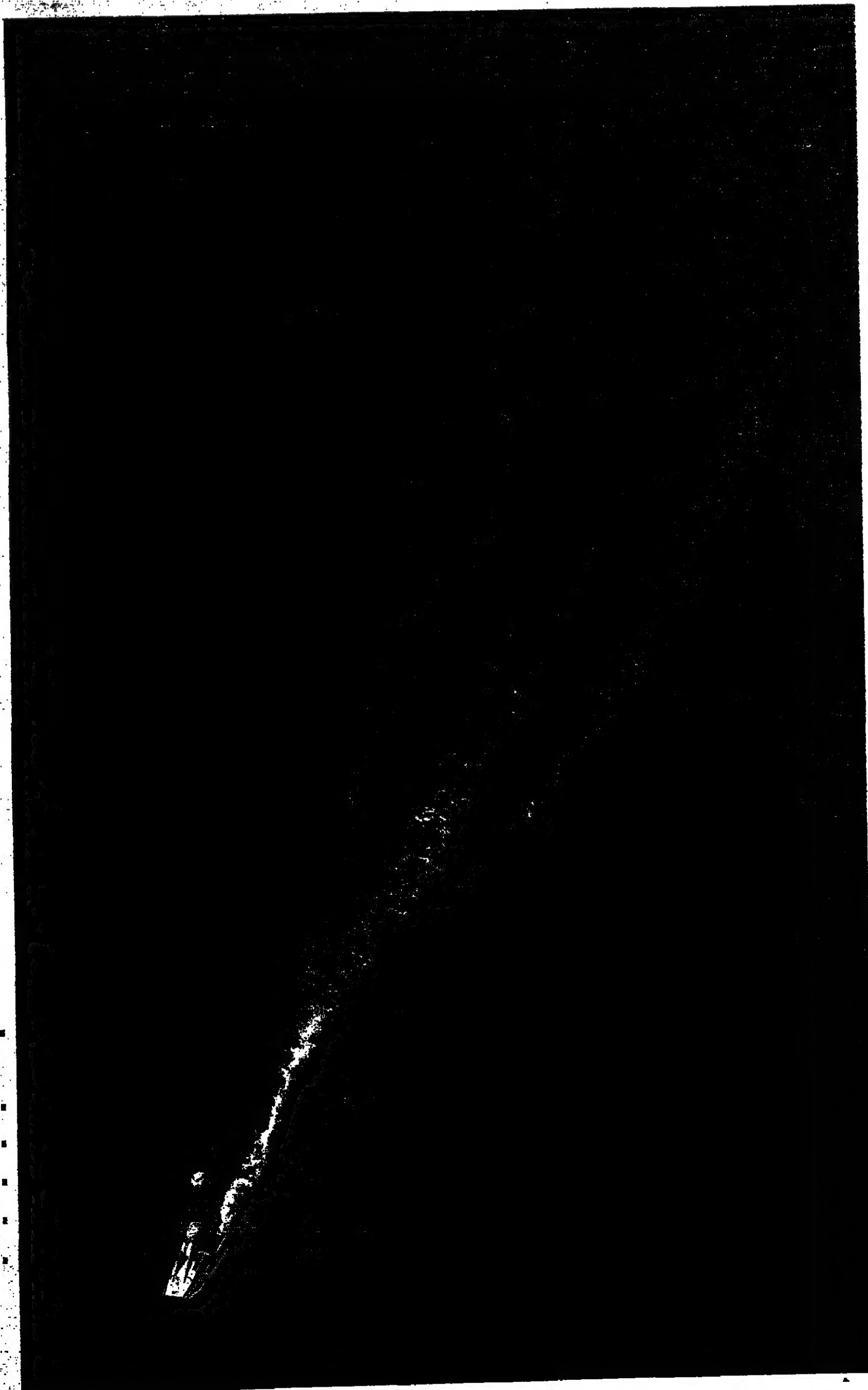
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy loses hand as he makes firework

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Church attacks

The Church of England has attacked the government's plan to allow gay couples to register as civil partners. The church's spokesman said that the plan was "a direct attack on the sanctity of marriage" and that it was "a step towards the acceptance of homosexuality as a lifestyle." The spokesman also said that the church was "deeply concerned" about the plan and that it was "calling for a referendum on the issue."

Banker all-clear

A banker who was accused of covering up a £100,000 fraud has been cleared of all charges. The banker, who was working for a major bank, was accused of covering up the fraud by deleting evidence and lying to the police. The banker was charged with fraud and conspiracy to defraud. The banker was found not guilty of all charges and was released on bail. The banker's lawyer said that his client was "a very honest and hardworking man" and that the charges were "unfounded."

By the way

The British government has announced that it will be introducing a new law to protect the rights of gay and lesbian people. The law will make it illegal to discriminate against gay and lesbian people in the workplace and in the provision of services. The law will also make it illegal to harass gay and lesbian people. The law will be introduced in the next few months.

Local sports

The local sports centre has announced that it will be offering a new range of activities. The activities include water skiing, jet-skiing, canoeing, and rowing. The centre also offers a range of other activities, including tennis, badminton, and table tennis. The centre is open from 9am to 5pm, seven days a week. The entrance fee is £5 per person. The centre is located in the heart of the city and is easily accessible by public transport.

Local news

The local council has announced that it will be introducing a new scheme to improve the safety of the roads. The scheme will involve the installation of speed cameras and the introduction of a new speed limit. The council also plans to introduce a new scheme to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossings. The scheme will involve the installation of new zebra crossings and the introduction of a new set of rules for pedestrians. The council is currently consulting on the scheme and will be holding a series of public consultations in the next few weeks.

Local events

The local community centre is holding a series of events to celebrate the arrival of the new millennium. The events include a series of workshops, a series of talks, and a series of performances. The community centre is also holding a series of events to raise money for the local charity. The events include a series of quizzes, a series of raffles, and a series of auctions. The community centre is open from 10am to 6pm, seven days a week. The entrance fee is £2 per person. The community centre is located in the heart of the city and is easily accessible by public transport.

Local notices

The local council is currently seeking applications for a series of jobs. The jobs include a series of clerical jobs, a series of maintenance jobs, and a series of security jobs. The council is also seeking applications for a series of volunteer positions. The volunteer positions include a series of roles in the community centre, a series of roles in the local library, and a series of roles in the local museum. The council is currently accepting applications for the jobs and volunteer positions. The applications should be sent to the local council, 100 High Street, London, EC1A 3AA. The deadline for applications is 15th November 1995.

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Lottery provides means to transform redundant power station into Britain's own Pompidou Centre

Tate uses £50m award to generate huge art showcase

BY DIANE LEBERSON
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A DERELICT power station on the south bank of the Thames will be transformed into a world-class showcase for modern art, under the Tate Gallery project awarded £50 million in National Lottery cash yesterday. It is also hoped to revitalise a dilapidated area of central London by attracting shops, hotels and restaurants.

Contemporary British artists will be given a display they have not previously enjoyed in any public gallery, sharing space with Picasso, Giacometti and other modern masters owned by the Tate.

Established names such as Sir Anthony Caro, Lucian Freud and David Hockney will be exhibited with younger artists, such as Rachel Whiteread, who explores "negative" space by taking casts of mattresses and hot-water bottles, winning the 1993 Turner Prize for her inside-out House.

The new gallery, in the redundant Bankside Power Station near Blackfriars Bridge, is needed because the



Mr Serota's collection doubled, but not space

Tate has room to show only 15 per cent of its collection of 4,500 paintings and sculptures at any one time. The plan is to at least double that figure, while the collection continues to rotate and works are lent to other galleries. Bankside will also attract major international touring exhibitions.

The Tate at Millbank ranks as one of the world's four most important modern art galleries, alongside the Museum of

Modern Art and Guggenheim in New York, and the Pompidou in Paris. Nicholas Serota, the director, said the collection had doubled in the past 50 years while the building had grown 20 per cent. In spite of outposts in Liverpool and St Ives, space has become increasingly cramped: on recent Sunday afternoons, doors had to be shut to limit visitors.

The Bankside project, part of a riverside development that includes sculpture courts, gardens and a 300ft observation tower overlooking London, is expected to open in 2000.

The building is expected to achieve the same for London as the Pompidou did for Paris, gaining more than three million visitors every year. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, said: "Just as the Pompidou Centre has successfully attracted visitors to a previously neglected area of Paris, the regeneration of Bankside will create a new focus south of the Thames and revitalise the area."

The total cost of the project is estimated at £106 million. The rest will be raised through

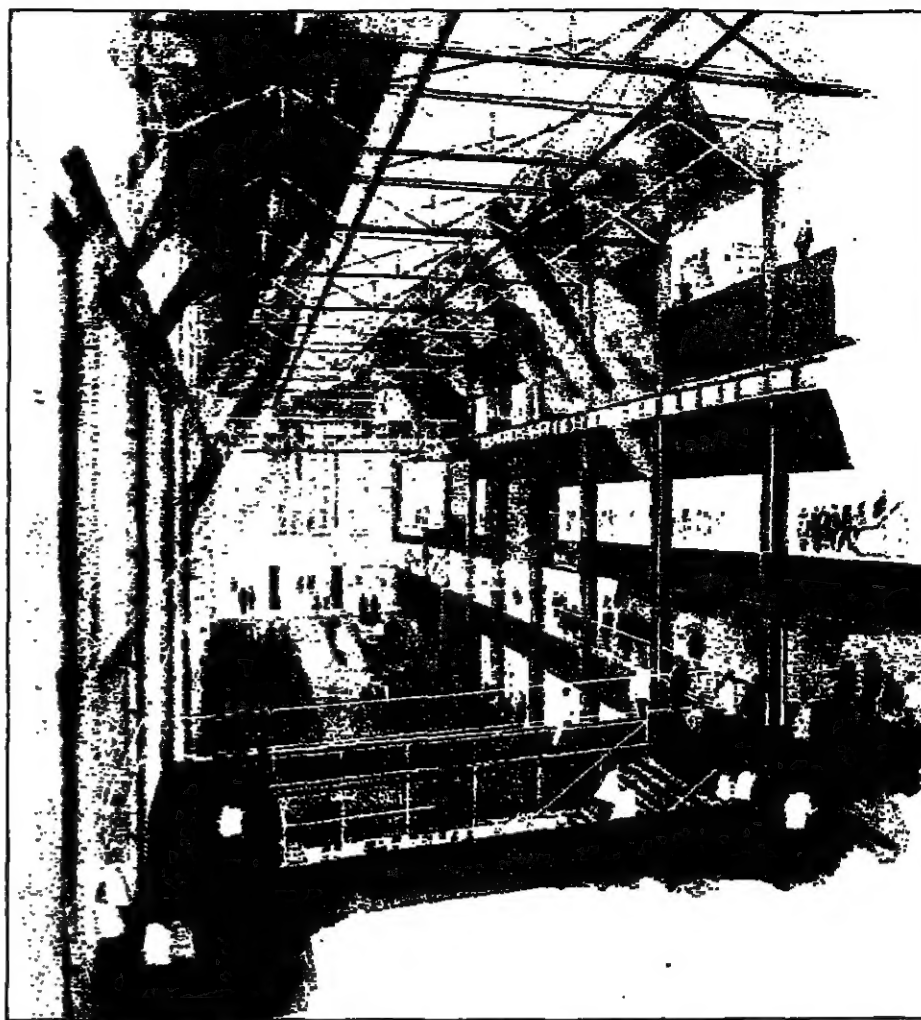
sponsorship. The building is being transformed by the Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron, who won an international competition for the commission. A footbridge linking Bankside with the City is likely.

The building is owned by the electricity industry and redundant plant and machinery are being cleared. Sale has been agreed and there is outline planning permission.

The Tate at Millbank will show British art in a national context; the Tate at Bankside will show British art in an international context. The Tate says the project will help to create 2,400 London jobs and £50 million in additional economic activity each year.

Jeremy Fraser, leader of Southwark council, one of Britain's poorest boroughs, said: "This is a victory for our fight against unemployment and poverty." Dennis Stevenson, chairman of the Tate's Trustees, thanked the millions who had bought lottery tickets.

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An artist's impression of how the proposed Bankside Gallery will look

Cathedral of the electric age

By Marcus Binney

BANKSIDE power station, built in 1957-60, has been called the cathedral of the age of electricity. Its highly sensitive site opposite St Paul's aroused controversy because it was feared the fumes might damage the stonework of Wren's masterpiece.

The architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott grouped all the flues in a single 325 ft chimney, ensuring the smoke rose high above London. Scott, the grandson of the Victorian architect Sir George Gilbert Scott, chose a thrusting campanile form in contrast to the rounded dome of St Paul's.

With its contrasting lines of soaring chimney and long turbine hall, Bankside is one of the best examples of Expressionist architecture in Britain. The brickwork, set back in stages, is interesting for its Aztec-inspired detail. The long river front ideal for floodlighting, will make the new gallery a major landmark by night and by day. The turbine hall, 500 ft long and 80 ft high, will be by far the largest single exhibition space in London.

British Legion pleads for two minutes' silence

By John Young

THE Royal British Legion last night asked the public to observe a two-minute silence on Saturday, November 11. It wants people to revive a tradition by pausing on the day before Remembrance Sunday, whatever they are and whatever they are doing, to pay tribute to members of the British forces who have died in this century's wars.

The request was made at the launch of the annual Poppy Day appeal. The legion said: "Overwhelming public support has shown that remembrance and reflection have relevance to most people and we therefore ask you to promote the two-minute silence this year on the traditional eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour on that most evocative of days, Armistice Day."

For many years the nation rigorously observed the silence, halting work and bringing traffic to a standstill. In recent years it has been largely confined to those attending remembrance services, but was reintroduced this year during the VE-Day and VJ-Day anniversary ceremonies with impressive effect.

At the Poppy Day launch at the House of Commons, Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, said that the campaign by the legion to ensure that the silence was observed on VE-Day captured the mood of the nation. Across the country people stood silent and the celebrations in Hyde Park were witnessed by millions.

But, as one observer commented, it was one thing for 130,000 people to stand quietly in Hyde Park, since that was the reason they were there; but it would not be until

40,000 people in a football stadium stood silent for the full two minutes that it would become plain the call had struck a chord. Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, the legion's president, said: "The VE and VJ-Day celebrations were a tremendous success, with millions of people all over the country standing together in silence as a mark of respect, to remember the great sacrifice of those who had lost their lives in two world wars and to reflect upon our good fortune in enjoying the unparalleled period of peace."

But the legion stood for much more than remembrance, he said. Some 18 million people were able to call on its services, either as former servicemen and women or as their dependents. It was one of the country's most active charities, answering 180,000 calls for help every year.

Ian Cannell, the legion's chairman of fundraising, said that last year he had suggested that people should consider what the poppy represented and whether they ought not to increase their donations. In response the public had given £125 million more than in the previous year, an increase of 9 per cent.

To carry out its work last year the legion needed £26 million and this year it would need even more, Mr Cannell said. He urged people to ask themselves how much they paid for everyday things such as a sandwich or a pint of beer and how much they gave for their poppy. He said: "Think very carefully and ask yourself - how much is my poppy worth?"

Crew evacuated before passengers

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

A CROSS-Channel ferry company has been criticised for allowing dozens of off-duty crew members to evacuate a blazing ship ahead of passengers.

The passengers, who were travelling on the *Sally Star* when one of its engines caught fire last August, complained that they were not given priority in accordance with normal emergency procedures.

The findings of an official investigation, published yesterday, said officers had not been able to distinguish between off-duty crew and passengers. The report from the Marine Accident Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport recommended that, in future, all crew members should wear clear identification, such as luminous jackets, even when off-duty.

A spokesman for Sally Line, the ferry's operators, said that the master of the ship had decided that non-essential crew, including female duty-free shop assistants, should be taken off the stricken 9,000-tonne vessel on to the rescue boat first to help passengers.

Bob McWilliams, Sally Line's fleet manager, said: "Normally we would let all the passengers off first but because there was only a small number of passengers they were not all required and the master made the decision to let them all off together."

The report also identified a number of technical failures that hampered efforts to put out the blaze in the engine room, which started when oil vapour was ignited by the ship's engine exhaust system. The Sally spokesman said that all the defects identified by the investigators had been rectified on the *Sally Star* and its seven sister ships, which sail between Ramsgate and Dunkirk and Ostend.

Graham Allen, Labour's shipping spokesman, yesterday criticised the report for failing to mention the closure of RAF Manston in Kent, which resulted in a 24-minute delay in rescue helicopters reaching the scene of the accident. "This report misses the big issue. Government cost cutting and deregulation is putting lives at risk," he said.

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Pro-hanging Tory willing to see innocent people die

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A TORY MP last night defended controversial remarks suggesting that he was prepared to see innocent people hang as the price for bringing back the death penalty.

Robert Spink, a parliamentary private secretary to Ann Widdecombe, a Home Office Minister, said in a speech in Felixstowe that even if someone convinced him that an innocent person might be hanged he would still support the death penalty to prevent "tens or hundreds" of innocent people from being murdered.

Calling for the restoration of capital punishment, Mr Spink said: "I do not expect we would ever have to hang an innocent person, but even if we did I would still be happy to vote for hanging because someone has to protect the maximum number of people in society."

Mr Spink's remarks came as a relief to Labour, still reeling from the cannabis gaffe of Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, and provided new ammunition in



Spink convinced of deterrent value

the party's campaign to show that the Tories have lurched to the Right. Other Tory MPs and ministers swiftly distanced themselves from Mr Spink's remarks.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said last night that such "extreme views" on capital punishment showed how far the Tory party had moved to the Right. "People will be appalled an

astonished that he is calling for a system of punishment which condones the hanging of innocent people."

Mr Spink said in his speech: "The key question is whether innocent lives would be saved or lost if capital punishment were restored. Seventy-five convicted murderers released after serving their sentences have gone on to kill a second time. Therefore hanging would be a specific deterrent. I believe hanging would save more lives than would be lost. Hanging would improve the quality of justice. It would force the police and the courts to do a better job." He dismissed statistics which suggested that capital punishment had failed to deter murderers in America.

He went on: "The most difficult question to answer is whether you're prepared to hang an innocent person. Society expects us to make difficult decisions and I honestly believe we wouldn't hang innocent people. Capital punish-

ment would only be used for the most vicious, inhuman, premeditated murders."

"At the end of the day, even if someone could convince me — and I don't think they can — that an innocent person might be hanged at some stage, if that would save tens or hundreds of innocent people from being murdered, that is a decision I would be prepared to make."

Last night he stood by his remarks. He said that MPs had to have the courage of their convictions and take decisions that would better protect society.

"Parliament legislated to enforce car seat-belts in order to save lives, even though we know that some accident injuries will be greater because a person is wearing a seat-belt. The same thing applies," he said. "I do not think an innocent person would be hanged. But even if that were to happen we still have to do what we think is right and protect society."



Clare Short yesterday. Mr Spink's remarks brought Labour relief after her gaffe

Ulster jail Bill wins support

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW denied seeking concessions to terrorism as he called yesterday for the release of more than 90 prisoners from Northern Ireland's jails before Christmas.

A further 98 could be released next year and a total of about 340 by the end of the decade under the Northern Ireland (Remission of Sentences) Bill. The Bill is being seen as fillip for the deadlocked peace process, but Sir Patrick, the Northern Ireland Secretary, promised that the Government was not planning an amnesty.

Opening a debate on the Bill, which MPs have complained is being rushed too hastily through Parliament before the end of the session next week, he said: "This Bill makes no concession to terrorism at all. He assured MPs that those sentenced for the 'most heinous offences' would remain in prison until at least 2010.

The Bill was supported with reservations by all sides. John Taylor, for the Ulster Unionists, said: "When the Home Secretary is going for a hardline attitude towards sentencing of criminals, there is in Northern Ireland today, a more liberal regime as far as political prisoners are concerned."

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Worthy reforms fall short of a full solution

Parliament has always been to slow reform itself, but the pace of change is now accelerating — and not before time. Public satisfaction with the way Parliament performs has dropped sharply during the 1990s, according to the MORI poll for the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust's State of the Nation survey. These doubts are shared by many members of the Commons.

There is no shortage of critiques. But resistance has come not just from an executive resistant to losing control over its business but also from opposition MPs reluctant to give up familiar but in practice ineffective weapons of delay. It took nearly three years for the Jopling committee's proposals for streamlining the hours of the House to be implemented even as an experiment. The number of very late sittings has dropped sharply, changing the character of the Commons by concentrating votes, and hence high attendance, from Monday evening to late afternoon on Thursday. A survey by the Procedure Committee showed that nearly nine out of ten MPs broadly support the changes: on Thursday they are certain to be made permanent.

These reforms have not yet, however, addressed basic weaknesses in the scrutiny of the executive by the Commons or Parliament's inadequate handling of legislation. A weighty Hansard Society report, *Making the Law*, has largely been ignored. But Labour and the Liberal Democrats are preparing radical reform plans. And later this week, Charter 88 and Democratic Audit will publish *Reinventing Parliament: making the Commons more effective* by Professor Patrick Dunleavy. Like many reformers, he is too romantic about select committees and too ready to attack the (generally exaggerated) power of the whips. Party discipline is essential to making a parliamentary system work, and that inevitably limits the extent to which the Commons, and its committees, can control rather than scrutinise the executive. Its primary role is, after all, to provide a majority to sustain a government.

The virtue of Professor Dunleavy's report is that it concentrates on some practical, incremental changes. He suggests giving departmental select committees more of a pre-legislative role in organising the response to Government green papers. This will not prevent bad legislation but should do more to highlight flaws before it is too late. He also wants the standing of select committees to be strengthened by making them more independent of the whips and by paying their chairmen. Each select committee should be given two Commons slots of an hour per session. But Professor Dunleavy does not appear to be aware that three full days are already devoted to committee reports on estimates days and that, on Thursday, the House will agree to reports being debated on six Wednesday mornings — a session. This would amount to more time than Professor Dunleavy proposes. The report also wants the resources of the National Audit Office to be made available to select committees, with the Public Accounts Committee focusing on auditing and general management work. These ideas are worth considering, though the real problem with select committees is not their powers or staff resources but the almost invariable preference of MPs of talent to serve in frontbench posts.

This report has echoes in a draft paper which Jeff Rooker, Labour's Shadow Deputy Leader of the Commons, has circulated for comment around fellow MPs. Mr Rooker wants to streamline the way the Commons works so that, like the American Congress, it sits more frequently during the year, though not for longer overall. He also wants to strengthen the role of committees in pre and post-legislative scrutiny. These ideas, under the title *A Really Useful Parliament*, are as important as Labour's constitutional reform plans. The Nolan inquiry's proposals on the outside interests of MPs have naturally attracted most public attention, but they are secondary to making the Commons more effective, and hence more respected by the public.

PETER RIDDELL

Tory 'lurch' detailed

JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR published details yesterday of what it sees as the Tories' shift to the Right.

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Ulster jail Bill wins support

By Mike Thompson
SPECIAL REPORTER

THE PRISON MAYHEM caused by the release of 240 prisoners from Northern Ireland's Maze prison last Christmas was a stark reminder of the need for a new approach to the Northern Ireland conflict. The Government's new Bill, which would allow the release of prisoners on licence, is expected to pass in the next few weeks. It is a controversial measure, but one that is seen as essential for the peace process. The Bill would allow the release of prisoners on licence, but only if they are judged to be a low risk to the public. The Government has argued that this is a necessary step towards the normalization of life in Northern Ireland. However, some critics argue that it is a dangerous move, given the history of violence in the region. The Bill is expected to be passed in the next few weeks, but its fate remains uncertain.

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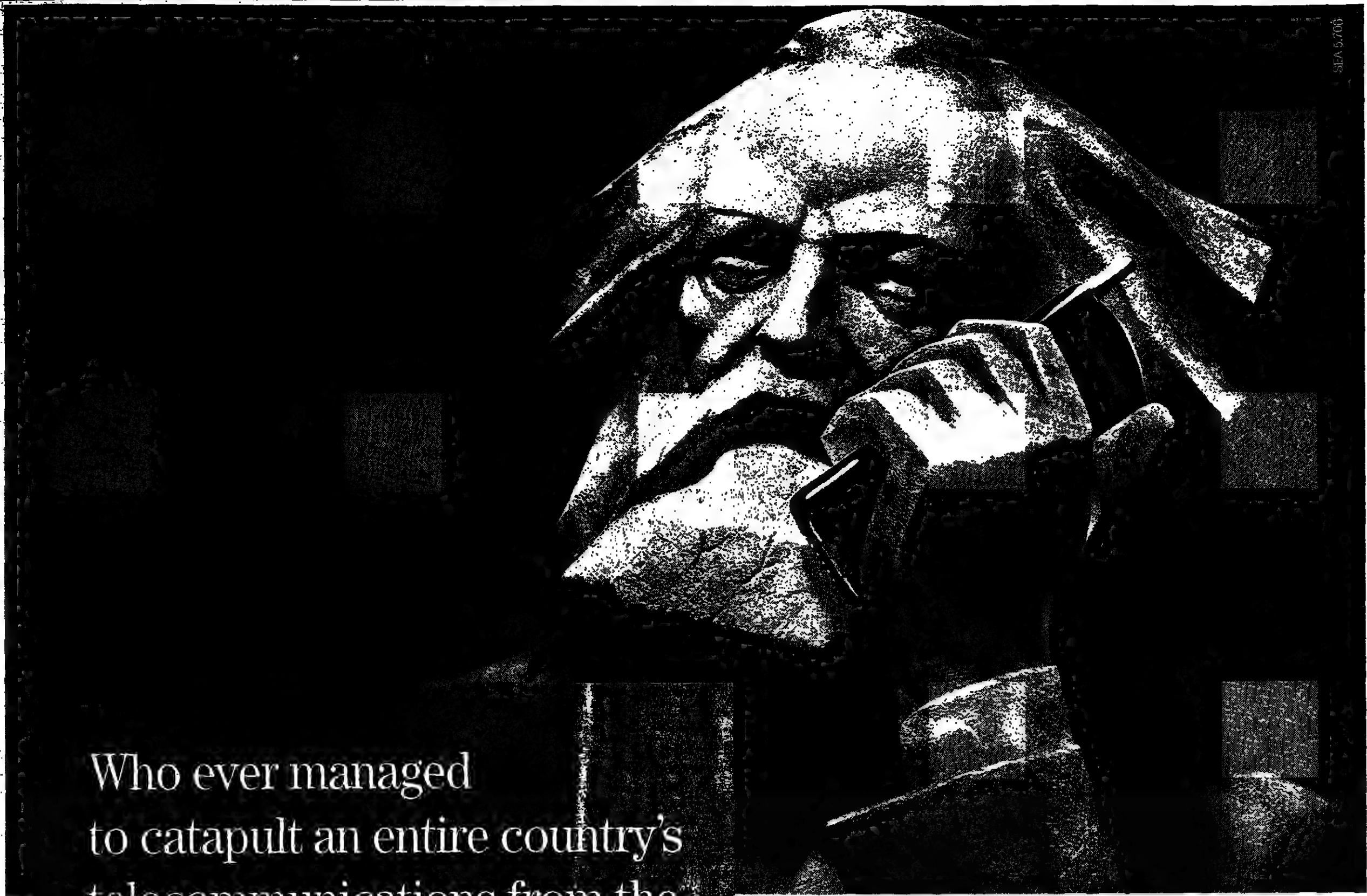
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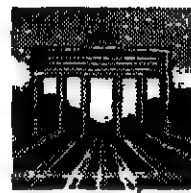
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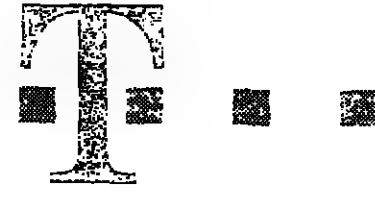
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French strategy is to use European integration to contain German power

Major still takes second place in Chirac affections

By GEORGE BROCK, EUROPEAN EDITOR

EVER since John Major became Prime Minister five years ago, he has been trying to prise apart the Franco-German diplomatic marriage in Europe and turn it into a ménage à trois. After 24 heady hours in the company of Jacques Chirac, he plainly thinks that the affair is now warming up.

The personal chemistry between John and Jacques is good and comes as a great relief to the British side after a decade-and-a-half of coping with François Mitterrand's combination of private affability and public frostiness.

A real Anglo-French co-operation on defence is well under way and strong enough now to move deeper into the ultra-sensitive subject of swapping and perhaps even sharing nuclear strategy and expertise. The developing French hostility to the lowering of border controls within the European Union comes as a welcome help to similar British resistance.

But diplomatic flirtations are just as volatile and unpredictable as human relationships. President Chirac has none of Mitterrand's hauteur and is clubbably affable

with everybody. Relations between Britain and France may be warming up, but the significance of what is happening can be seen only against the whole picture of EU alliances, flirtations and partnerships. And it is in the area of EU policies — where Mr Major most desperately needs French help — that the new entente is at its weakest.

Although people seldom raise these inconvenient facts during the Major-Chirac meetings, this French Government has made clear that its

Petition to sue Chirac rejected

Paris: A court here has rejected a taxpayer's petition for permission to sue President Chirac over his flat (Ben Macintyre writes). The Chiracs moved into the flat in 1977 and continued to live there at the same low rent after it was sold in 1990 to a company partly owned by Paris. It has been suggested that M Chirac may have used his influence as Mayor to arrange the sale to avoid higher rent.

relationship with Britain takes second place to its relationship with Germany.

In a little-noticed speech in the late summer, Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, told a gathering of France's ambassadors that, while better co-operation with Britain was necessary and desirable, the link with London would never replace the special relationship with Germany. The active M Chirac went to dinner with Helmut Kohl in Bonn last week and reassured him that France was determined to meet the stiff tests to qualify for monetary union.

Whether Herr Kohl believed him is another question, but there is not much "convergence" with Britain there. M Chirac went on television in France the next evening to underline his faith in European integration: "I have always thought that Europe would not safeguard its values, its existence, its independence, if it did not ceaselessly reinforce the links that hold it together." Not much echo of Mr Major's rhetoric there.

British officials can claim, as they did again yesterday, that London and Paris are approaching next year's confer-



John Major and President Chirac leave 10 Downing Street yesterday on their way to a joint press conference

ence to write a second version of the Maastricht treaty in a "similar" frame of mind. They agree that there is a straight disagreement over whether the EU should make more decisions by majority vote, but say that on defence, frontiers and immigration differences may fade away.

In the haggling over EU

treaties, however, the devil is in the detail. What still distinguishes the Franco-German relationship from all others inside the EU is the degree of effort that both partners will make to accommodate the other. Offered a choice between an endgame compromise crafted by Herr Kohl and one designed by Mr

Major, M Chirac will choose the German one. That will remain true unless France's entire postwar strategy of using European integration to contain Germany unravels.

M Chirac's arrival in power was a bonus for Mr Major, but not a transformation. I recently quoted the French Prime Minister's speech that

put Anglo-French relations second to Franco-German ties to a senior British diplomat. "Well, being in second place in French affections behind Germany is better than not being mentioned at all," he replied. That is a more accurate assessment than most of the hyperbole generated yesterday.

Report on Srebrenica clears Dutch

By ROGER BOYES

THE Dutch Government yesterday cleared its soldiers of blame over the massacre of thousands of Bosnian Muslims during the fall of Srebrenica last summer. It accused the United Nations, however, of failing to provide adequate support for its "safe area".

The long-awaited report, based on interviews with 460 Dutch UN peacekeepers in Bosnia-Herzegovina, will go some way towards soothing the national uproar about the behaviour of the Dutch battalion. The lightly armed Dutch peacekeepers had to stand by as Bosnian Serbs overran the town and separated military-aged Muslim men from the rest of the population. The prisoners were later taken out of the town in lorries and many were killed.

Joris Voorhoeve, the Defence Minister, in a formal letter to parliament accompanying the report, said serious war crimes had been committed by the Bosnian Serbs but that in most cases they had not been "witnessed" by Dutch peacekeepers. "The number of men killed cannot yet be established, but may be several thousand... there is strong evidence to suggest mass executions and the existence of mass graves outside the enclave."

The minister said the Dutch battalion was in a "hopeless position" against the Bosnian Serb Army. The true failure was not that of the Dutch peacekeepers, but of the UN. The way in which the United Nations and its members implemented the concept of the so-called safe areas failed miserably, he said. He also said Nato air cover had come too late, despite repeated requests to senior UN commanders. In Zagreb, President Tudjman of Croatia was yesterday celebrating the election triumph of his Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) after a snap general election, which analysts said was called to capitalise on the recapture of almost all the Serb-occupied territory (Adam LeBor writes).

Early returns showed the HDZ winning 43 per cent of the vote, after about 40 per cent of Sunday's ballot papers had been counted.

Single currency to be named Euro

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

TWELVE of the 15 European Union states have now agreed to call the new single currency the "Euro" and national leaders are expected to approve the name formally at the Madrid summit in December.

According to sources close to the European Monetary Institute in Frankfurt — the embryo of a future European central bank — the name "ecu" is doomed despite continuing support from the French. "The French attachment to the ecu is purely sentimental and has to be balanced against the very serious need to sell the future currency to the people and the

markets," said a Frankfurt-based financial expert.

The institute will complete its proposals for a transition to a common European currency by the middle of next month and put its ideas to European economic and finance Ministers. They are likely to adopt the institute's ideas and recommend them to heads of government for approval in Madrid.

The introduction of the single currency — and the surrender of the mark — is set to become an important issue in the next German elections, scheduled for October 1998.

The opposition Social Democrats are pushing for an early parliamentary debate on the issue and are demanding guarantees that the new European currency will not be a weak substitute for the mark. This is little more than an attempt to out-trump the German Government and Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister.

Herr Waigel is campaigning to ensure that entrants to European monetary union keep to the Maastricht convergence criteria: but ultimately it is he who will abandon the mark and he is therefore vulnerable at the ballot box.



Waigel: vulnerable at the ballot box

£15m furniture mountain

By MICHAEL DYNES

MORE than £15 million of office furniture is sitting unused in the European Commission's mothballed Berlaymont headquarters in Brussels. It was disclosed yesterday.

The equipment was abandoned in 1991 after the Commission was forced to evacuate its flagship building because of the health hazard presented by nearly 3,000 tonnes of asbestos used in its construction. Commission officials yesterday confirmed the disclosures, which will be included in the annual Court of Auditors report in two

weeks' time. The document from the European Union's financial watchdog catalogues the amount of fraud, waste and mismanagement by EU institutions.

However, officials deny claims that an estimated £140 million of furniture and other equipment went missing when the Commission's 15,000 Berlaymont staff were decanted into 60 offices around Brussels.

Allegations that the Court of Auditors report reveals that thousands of "movable assets" vanished during the exodus from the Berlaymont

were categorically rejected by the Commission. The auditors' report does confirm, however, that a computer system will soon be installed allowing Brussels to keep track of all Commission property, which has been difficult to monitor while the staff have been scattered around Brussels.

The report is also expected to find that more effective steps are being taken to clamp down on farm subsidy fraud, although millions of pounds are still being lost because of lax controls over payments to farmers by governments.

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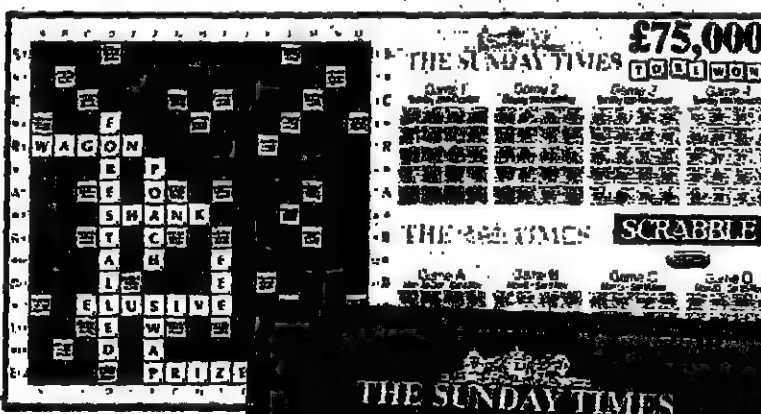
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Due to the interest in our Scrabble game some readers were unable to get through on our claims line yesterday. Claims for *The Sunday Times* Game 1 and *The Times* Game A have been extended until 1pm today.

SPEAR'S GAMES

Report on Srebrenica clears Dutch

Government report says Dutch soldiers in Bosnia were not responsible for massacre of 8,000 Muslims in July 1995. The fall of the town was a military disaster, but the Dutch government has cleared its soldiers of any blame for the massacre. The report, published today, says the Dutch army was overwhelmed by the scale of the attack and that its soldiers were not responsible for the deaths. The report also says that the Dutch government had done everything possible to protect the town and its inhabitants.



LAW 35-39 Families at war: a raw deal for women and children?

Ministers are concerned that the move is high-risk politically because it may indicate that Britain has performed relatively poorly since the Conservatives came to power in 1979. The Deputy Prime Minister took with him responsibility for Britain's industrial competitiveness on leaving the Department of Trade and



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accepted that it might identify a gap between Britain and other countries, but emphasised Mr Heseltine's determination to find out the full facts as an essential prerequisite of improved performance. The DFE said the skills audit would be important in determining future skills needs. The Deputy Prime Minister will emphasise what he sees as the central importance of Britain's competitiveness when he addresses the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference in Birmingham in a fortnight's time.

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Heseltine orders audit to assess Britain's skills base

By Philip Bassett
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR
THE Government is to compare the specific skill levels of the UK workforce and the performance of young people in Britain against those in other countries. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, has asked the Cabinet Office's competitiveness unit to undertake the international skills audit after hearing that business leaders are worried about the training and education standards of young people in Britain, especially

16 to 18-year-olds. In the study, Britain's workforce skill levels, as well as its training and education standards for young people, will be directly compared with those of successful competitor countries. Ministers are concerned that the move is high-risk politically because it may indicate that Britain has performed relatively poorly since the Conservatives came to power in 1979. The Deputy Prime Minister took with him responsibility for Britain's industrial competitiveness on leaving the Department of Trade and

Industry where he was President of the Board of Trade. Officials at the unit, working with staff from the Department for Education and Employment, as well as the DTI and Treasury, will draw up details of Britain's skills base, and the basic qualifications for employment of young people, and compare them directly with those achieved in several other countries, including France, Germany, America and Singapore. The project will include overseas study visits. A team of Whitehall officials recently examined skills

levels in France. The findings will be a centrepiece of the Government's third successive annual White Paper on Competitiveness, which Mr Heseltine plans to publish early next summer. He is understood to acknowledge privately the risks of direct comparisons with other countries. Ministers and Whitehall officials sceptical about the idea of national competitiveness believe that it offers ammunition for attacks by competitors and political opponents. The Treasury is understood to be particularly concerned that any gap

in Britain's educational and training performance might imply a need for considerable extra spending to rectify it. The Labour Party is also likely to seize on any competitiveness gap identified by the study as clear evidence of what they see as the failure of government policy. But Mr Heseltine insists that if Britain is to aim for world-class standards, it must know where it stands against the competition. The Cabinet Office last night confirmed that the competitiveness unit was carrying out the study. It

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3510.0	(+12.1)
FT-SE All Share	1728.29	(+5.02)
Nikkei	17509.17	(+171.98)
Dow Jones	4754.78	(+13.01)
S&P Composite	581.89	(+2.19)
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5.75%	(5.75%)
Long Bond	106.34	(105.7)
Yield	6.36%	(6.36%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-month Interbank	8.14%	(8.14%)
Libor 3m	106.34	(105.7)
Future (Dec)	108.34	(105.7)
STERLING		
New York	1.5785	(1.5780)
London	1.5781	(1.5789)
DM	2.2158	(2.2160)
FF	7.7035	(7.7130)
SP	1.7894	(1.7918)
Yen	160.36	(160.34)
Index	85.5	(85.1)
DOLLAR		
London	1.4040	(1.4085)
DM	1.6520	(1.6525)
FF	1.1348	(1.1350)
Yen	101.61	(101.80)
Index	85.0	(85.1)
Tokyo close Yen	101.65	
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Jan)	\$16.10	(\$16.10)
GOLD		
London close	\$382.25	(\$382.25)

Guilty pleas expected from Leeson

By Robert Miller
NICK LEESON, the trader blamed for the \$860 million collapse of Barings Bank, is expected to plead guilty to some of the 11 charges of forgery and cheating that he faces in Singapore. On that basis, he might expect to be sentenced, to between four and six years in prison. If convicted, instead of the maximum 14 years that the offences carry, if, however, Mr Leeson pleaded not guilty and was subsequently convicted, he might receive a higher sentence. Under Singapore's system, Mr Leeson could also expect to have his sentence reduced by a third for good behaviour. Whether he would be allowed to count the time that he has spent in custody in Germany since early March is not clear. Mr Leeson, who has been

held in custody in Frankfurt since he was intercepted on his way back to Britain, announced on Sunday that he was abandoning attempts to avoid extradition to Singapore and apologised to "all Singaporeans for having doubted I would receive a fair trial". The change of emphasis by Mr Leeson's legal team, headed by Stephen Pollard of Kingsley Napley, has been prompted by the report into the Barings crash, commissioned by Singapore's Ministry of Finance, that was published this month. The report made clear that the senior management of Barings was almost as much to blame for the eventual collapse of the 233-year-old merchant bank as the 28-year-old trader from Watford. Inspectors from Price Waterhouse said that had the bank's executives been more vigilant and exercised tighter control over Mr Leeson, the fiasco might never have happened. In effect, the Singapore report was saying simply that Mr Leeson alone could never have brought the bank down without the "institutional incompetence" displayed by Barings's managers in Singapore and London. Mr Pollard yesterday confirmed that John Koh, a former director of Singapore's Commercial Affairs Department (CAD), which is still investigating the events that led to the collapse, had been retained as lead defence counsel. As part of his brief, Mr Koh will meet Singapore's prosecuting authorities al-



Down to work: Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, lends a helping hand to construction workers engaged on digging the tunnels for the Jubilee Line Underground extension under Waterloo Station, London, yesterday. The extension, about halfway into its planned construction life, is due to be opened in March 1998

Tax plea follows big job losses

By Our Industrial Editor
ENGINEERING leaders yesterday warned Kenneth Clarke against making imprudent tax cuts in the Budget as they forecast a further 20,000 job losses in the industry. The warning from the EEF engineering employers follows similar statements from other business leaders against the Budget being primarily for short-term political gain at the expense of economic growth. Graham Mackenzie, EEF director-general, said industry was "especially anxious that there should not be tax cuts for consumers and employees at the expense of business" and he cautioned in particular against suggestions in Whitehall that the Government will virtually halt public capital spending in large infrastructure projects. In its twice-yearly economic trends report, the EEF forecast about 20,000 job cuts in the next 12 months, despite continued output growth, with engineering production set to increase 3 per cent over the next year. After rising 2 per cent in the first half of this year, it said that employment in the industry has now levelled off at 1.77 million and is set to fall to 1.75 million. Investment is predicted to grow strongly throughout 1996 after a 20 per cent rise in the 18 months to the second quarter of 1995. Ian Thompson, EEF economics adviser, said for the whole economy, recovery after the recession had been long but slow, but that there was no reason for it to end. But Ian McCartney, Labour employment spokesman, said: "At a time when the majority of new jobs are part-time or temporary, Britain cannot afford to lose skilled, full-time jobs on such a huge scale."

Oiecs set to invade cosy world of trusts

By Anne Ashworth
MEET the Oiecs. Not, as the name sounds, a person with no appreciation of the finer things in life. But an open-ended investment company, a new kind of collective investment which aspires to take the place of the unit trust. The Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog, yesterday published a consultative document outlining the proposals for the development of the Oiecs market, a move which will bring a radical shake-up to the £100 billion unit trust industry, enabling it to sell its wares more competitively in the European Union and elsewhere. The proposals are likely to be implemented by the summer of 1996. Unlike unit trusts which have two prices (the bid and the offer), Oiecs have a single price, a detail which, the SIB claims, should make them more attractive to investors in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in Europe. In the document, the SIB describes them as "simpler to understand", offering "greater flexibility" and "the same degree of investor protection as unit trusts". The document was welcomed by the Association of Investment Trust Companies (Aitc) but with two provisos. The association insists that investment trusts should not be placed at a competitive disadvantage with Oiecs and that there is effective investor protection. It also proposes that the name Oiecs be replaced with "Investment company with variable capital".

Deal clinched with Irish financier after two-year hunt for buyer

Mowlem sells London City Airport for £14.5m

By Alasdair Murray
JOHN MOWLEM, the construction company, yesterday announced the £14.5 million sale of London City Airport to Desmond Dermot, an Irish financier, after a two-year hunt for a buyer. The price is £5.5 million below the book value of £20 million, reflecting Mowlem's struggle to find a buyer for the loss-making airport, which has cost the company £80 million since opening in 1987. The announcement was greeted

with relief in the City and Mowlem's share price rose 7p to 63p at close of trading. Mowlem said: "It was the best price the company could find at the moment and we wanted to conclude a deal as quickly as possible. The £5.5 million book loss is equivalent to a year's losses at the airport." The sale forms part of a restructuring plan by Ken Minton, the new chairman, which will see Mowlem concentrate on its core scaffolding and construction operations. The company announced a £32 million

half-year loss in September, which led to John Marshall, chief executive, leaving earlier this month. Mr Minton said: "London City Airport has been diverting attention from the development of the underlying profitable core businesses for some years. The disposal and our recently announced senior management changes will allow Mowlem's skills to be focused on creating value for shareholders." While the airport's performance has improved in recent years and passenger numbers are predicted to

reach record levels of 550,000 this year, it has yet to show an operating profit. It lost £4.2 million in 1994 and £1.3 million for the first half of 1995. Under the terms of the contract agreed with Mr Desmond, the existing airport management will remain in place. William Charnock, managing director of London City Airport, said: "The arrival of an owner whose total focus is on the airport is good news. It should help us further develop the business and attract new airlines and new routes." Mr Desmond was not available

for comment. He runs a number of investment vehicles including Pembroke Capital, which provides specialist financial advice to the aviation industry and was formerly a non-executive chairman of Aer Rianta, the Irish Republic's state-owned airport authority. Earlier this year, Mr Desmond sold NCB, his merchant bank, to Ulster Bank for £14 million and subsequently became a major shareholder in Celtic football club. City take-off, page 29

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Debt fears delay most first-time home buys

By ANN LASHWORTH

FEAR of taking on debt is the prime reason why prospective first-time buyers are not entering the property market, according to a survey published yesterday by the Council of Mortgage Lenders, the home-owning industry's trade body.

Other main concerns included the employment situation and anxiety about falling behind with repayments. On the move, the survey, carried out by the British Market Research Bureau, sought to discover reasons why the housing market remains moribund.

About 41 per cent of the 25-34-year-olds questioned cited employment worries as their reason for staying away from the housing market. This is the group traditionally seen as the most likely to embrace home ownership. But, among this age group and others, the reluctance did not appear to be a fleeting aversion.

Although most said that they would not be buying in the near future, 84 per cent said that they wanted to be owner occupiers in ten years' time. The expectation that house prices would fall or remain the same over the next two years was shared by 54 per cent of those questioned.

The 2,000 respondents were asked about their likelihood of moving within the next two years. Only 9 per cent said they were in the process of buying, with about 8 per cent declaring themselves "very likely to buy" and 9 per cent "fairly likely to buy". The rest were, in the main, "not at all likely to buy" (56 per cent) and "not very likely to buy" (17 per cent). Pennington, page 27

TOURIST RATES

Unit	Rate	Unit	Rate
Australia \$	2.19	2.09	
Austria Sch	16.85	15.16	
Belgium Fr	46.70	44.40	
Canada \$	2.06	2.06	
Cyprus Cyp£	0.748	0.662	
Denmark Kr	9.22	8.43	
Finland Fmk	7.27	6.82	
France Fr	6.12	5.67	
Germany Dm	3.37	3.17	
Greece Dr	361.00	360.00	
Hong Kong \$	12.82	11.82	
Italy Lit	1.93	1.84	
Japan Yen	175.00	160.00	
Malta	0.684	0.639	
Netherlands Gld	2.344	2.14	
New Zealand \$	2.35	2.21	
Norway Kr	10.41	9.81	
Portugal Esc	248.00	227.50	
S. Africa Rd	161	152	
Spain Ptas	166.50	156.50	
Sweden Kr	11.36	10.28	
Switzerland Fr	1.93	1.78	
Turkey Lira	1.775	1.643	
USA \$	1.775	1.643	

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the European Commissioner for monetary union, at Chatham House in London yesterday, where he told the audience that a single European currency will not be imposed by Brussels but that Britain should not believe it would not happen.

Merrett names line up for landmark Lloyd's ruling

By SARAH BAGNALL

NEARLY 2,000 Lloyd's names, including Adam Faith and Sir Rocco Forte, will hear today whether they have won their High Court action claiming compensation for losses of up to £300 million.

The case, brought by names on Merrett syndicate 418 in 1985, represents the first of the "long tail" actions to reach court and, as a result, is expected to set precedent.

The 1,432 names allege negli-

gence against Stephen Merrett, the syndicate's underwriter and a former deputy chairman of Lloyd's, his agency, the Merrett Underwriting Agency, and about 60 Lloyd's agencies.

The names also allege wrongful closure of earlier years of account by Ernst & Whinney, the syndicate's auditor, which is now part of Ernst & Young.

The group is the first to take

legal action against syndicate auditors. If the action is successful, it is likely to pave the way for accountancy firms to make a sizeable contribution to bolster the £28 billion settlement package offered to names.

The Lloyd's long-tail actions relate to losses arising from asbestos and pollution claims, principally emanating from America.

They are called long-tail

because it can take decades for the claims to emerge. Under the Lloyd's structure, syndicate years are "closed" after three years of trading unless their losses are unquantifiable, and then the year is left open and the losses stay with the names underwriting in that particular year. In the case of syndicate 418, the year was left open in 1985, landing the full brunt of years of mounting losses on the names

underwriting that year. The action group members say that earlier years of accounts should have been left open.

The claim partly relies on an infamous letter written by Neville Russell on behalf of a panel of auditors to Lloyd's in 1982.

The letter stated that there were no means of quantifying the liabilities arising from asbestos and pollution. Ernst & Whinney was on the panel.

The claim of negligent underwriting relates to 11 run-off reinsurance contracts written in 1982.

These contracts resulted in the Merrett syndicates taking on all the liabilities of 11 syndicates. The losses incurred as a result, were passed on to names writing in 1985 through the process of closing the 1982 account.

The case started in early April and the litigants represent about half of the names underwriting in 1985.

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Canadian markets go on panic alert

By RICHARD THOMSON

CANADIAN financial markets were braced for panic yesterday in anticipation of a vote by Quebec in favour of independence from the rest of the country.

Analysts predicted a steep fall in the Canadian dollar and bond markets, a downgrading of Canadian debt and a rise in interest

rates as the Bank of Canada prepared to protect the currency in the event of the province voting to secede.

There were reports of a run on Canadian banks in the province as Quebec's citizens rushed to change their Canadian dollars into US dollars. International investors were also poised to scramble out of the currency.

"Everyone is panicking,"

said Jodi Schenck, a dealer at Toronto Dominion Bank in New York. "Spreads in Canadian dollars and bonds are so wide you can drive a truck through them. Volatility is wild."

Although the Canadian currency traded at around 73.5 cents to the US dollar for most of yesterday, dealers said that uncertainty was breeding volatility. The question of who

owns Canadian Government and Quebec debt was of key concern.

Yves Fortier, a former Canadian Ambassador to the UN, said that there would be uncertainty after an independence vote as trade treaties with the US and Mexico would have to be renegotiated.

BAT plans factory in Romania

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN BUCHAREST

BAT INDUSTRIES has won a 99-year concession on a plot of land in Romania's oil city of Ploesti with plans to build a cigarette factory there, the Romanian Development Agency (ARD) said.

Danu Dragosin, an ARD executive, said Ploesti municipality had held a tender for the concession which BAT won, planning to build the factory from scratch in a \$70 million investment.

Romania exports a tobacco crop of 100,000 tonnes in 1995, up from about 15,000 tonnes in 1994 and sharply below a communist-era peak of up to 50,000 tonnes.

The country forecasts imports of up to 5,000 tonnes of tobacco this year to meet local demand.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, the US tobacco giant, opened a factory in Bucharest earlier this year in a \$40 million investment.

The Reynolds factory can produce about 480 million cigarettes a year for Eastern Europe's second-largest market after Poland, where annual consumption has been put at an estimated 80 billion cigarettes.

Few takers for football club float

By PHILIP PANGALOS

THE proposed stock market flotation of Preston North End, one of the great names in English football history, on the Alternative Investment Market for small and growing companies has received a lukewarm reception from private investors.

The Third Division football club said just 1,064 individuals had applied for a total of 150,700 shares priced at £4 each, which will raise £628,800 before expenses.

Underwriters are planning to apply for a further 224,050 shares to raise £906,200 to make up the £1,535,000 the club had intended to raise from the public offer.

The disappointing level of interest from private investors highlights the past miseries of investors who put their money into quoted football clubs. Manchester United is a rare success story for investors, but the likes of Tottenham Hotspur and Millwall paint a sorry picture.

Share dealing on the Alternative Investment Market is due to begin on November 6.

The public share offer and an earlier placing of stock with institutions means Preston has raised £4 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

RTZ subsidiary to sell US Silica

RTZ CORPORATION, the worldwide metals and mining group based in Britain, announced yesterday that its RTZ Borax division is to sell US Silica for up to \$140 million. US Borax has agreed to sell US Silica to D George Harris and Associates for \$120 million in cash. Further deferred payments have been negotiated with the buyers of a maximum of \$20 million.

D George Harris is a business based in New York that specialises in inorganic chemicals and minerals. US Silica is a regional supplier of silica sand in North America. However, the operation was seen as incompatible with RTZ's emphasis on international operations that are large in relation to their industry, RTZ said. The transaction, which excludes the Florida Company, will make no material change to the financial position of RTZ Corporation, the company added. Floridin was revealed yesterday to be the subject of a separate transaction.

PIA plan on charges

A NEW regime for the disclosure of charges on unit trusts, personal equity plans (Peeps) linked to unit trusts and investment trust savings schemes is proposed in a consultation document from the Personal Investment Authority (PIA). The guidelines are designed to make clearer to investors the sum and impact on returns of management charges. The PIA is inviting comments on Product and Commission Disclosure (price £15, tel: 0171-418 5244), which should be implemented next June. Pennington, page 27

Club Med optimistic

CLUB MEDITERRANÉE, the French package holiday company, said that the signals coming from Paris were positive over the take-up of its rights issue which was launched yesterday. Club Med has seen its share price slide during the past three months because of fears over the impact of nuclear testing in the south Pacific but, yesterday, the price improved Fr23 to Fr400.50. Club Med said it was hopeful the fears would abate. It plans to use the money from the one-for-five rights issue to open 20 new resorts.

Campari cuts losses

CAMPARI INTERNATIONAL, the troubled leisure and sportswear manufacturer, yesterday revealed it had managed to cut losses from £3.6 million to £860,000 in the six months to June 30. The loss included a £500,000 charge for the refinancing package organised in July. The share price rose 1/2 p to 27p. The reduction in loss was achieved in spite of a drop in sales from £17.5 million to £15.5 million. Losses fell because of clearance of old stock and a reduction in overheads. There is no interim dividend.

Brockbank in talks

BROCKBANK GROUP, the Lloyd's of London managing agency listed on Atn, has confirmed it is in talks with various parties interested in providing capital to the group. The announcement follows speculation that it is in takeover talks with Mid Ocean, the Bermudan reinsurance firm that recently opened an office in London. Brockbank refused to comment about Mid Ocean. In a statement it said it was the firm's stated intention to seek investors in its business.

JKX Oil passes payout

JKX OIL & GAS, the exploration company headed by Robert Horton, former chief executive of BP, incurred a loss of £484,000 in its first six months as a listed company. There is no dividend. The company, which operates in the former Soviet Union, sold 200,000 barrels of oil from the Poltava project in the Ukraine in the six months to June 30. However, the revenue, classified as "test production" was not booked as turnover. JKX is still exploring in Western Georgia.

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British Gas faces stiff competition □ Young fight shy of mortgage commitment □ Open-ended question for the SIB

Power to Gas rivals' elbow

THEY all do it, you know. It is not just British Gas that sends its underlings knocking on doors to persuade the householder to buy an expensive new piece of kit. The various electricity companies have been wise to this particular trick for years.

A number offer a free service whereby you can have your wires tested. Surprisingly, even the most up-to-date home has the odd little defect tucked away that should really, in the interests of absolute safety, you understand, be put right. The companies themselves will provide an immediate estimate.

Now British Gas, apparently not sated by months of public relations disasters, has been caught at this shameful game. Shameful, because while serious safety problems are rare, most households of any age have the odd fault that ought, in the course of time, to be put right. Where gas and electricity are concerned, it is all too easy to persuade the timid, the vulnerable and the credulous that the danger is significant, so is the job, and it must be done now.

British Gas has no monopoly in gas appliance servicing. Corp, the body approved by the Health and Safety Executive to maintain a register of competent gas installers, has 49,000 names on its books. But because of the high cost of replacing a boiler,

and the immense inconvenience caused by a winter breakdown, more than three million home owners are willing to stump up over £100 a year to British Gas for contract maintenance.

Happily, that should soon start to change. The revelation about the sad little commissions offered to engineers to peddle new appliances, combined with looming increases in premiums, should bring in true competition. Contract maintenance is a welcome development for the consumer. But if industrial markets are any guide, it is only an intermediate step towards a much more attractive answer to the task of heating a home, bearing the grand title of facilities management.

No householder needs a boiler. Rather, he or she wants a warm home and hot water on tap, at minimal cost. So the logical next step is a leased heating system owned and maintained by the supplier for a fixed annual sum. Enormous advantages would arise for the consumer. Contractors would have buying power to force down prices and improve standards of reliability.

They would force cowboy builders out of the installation market, and they could fund the progressive replacement of outdated appliances by modern, energy-efficient units.

Services of this kind require well-managed, well-funded companies to enter the market. Government plans to open up the supply of domestic gas to competition, starting in the first trial area next April, will give such companies power to tackle British Gas head on. If they offer cheaper gas and a quality maintenance service British Gas customers will desert in droves. As, indeed, they should.



debt and unemployment rather than a sudden aversion to bricks and mortar.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders' study also suggests that the public, that's heavens is shelter, rather than as an investment and a potential source of huge profits — for "nesting, rather than investing", as the folkier element among the building societies would put it.

At the same time, home ownership, although not an immediate goal for most, is still an eventual ambition. Debt may be the number one fear, nurtured by horror stories from their peers about negative equity, but most accept they will one day settle down as homeowners.

That fear, expressed most strongly by those in their late twenties and early thirties, gives the best indication of changing attitudes. Which borrower in the mid-1980s, merrily signing on the dotted line for his endowment mortgage, regarded the process as a descent into debt?

The mortgage was meant to shrink, as against the value of the property, while generous pay rises would lessen the burden of monthly repayments. The subsequent suffering has served as an object lesson to those now coming of an age for home ownership. Who can wonder if they are less than keen?

Government help for housing might make them feel otherwise — or so the mortgage lenders would claim. Having already asked the Chancellor for tax breaks and incentives, they have made sure that the survey's respondents join in the call. The survey calls for tax relief for those in negative equity. Stamp duty, surprise, is no more popular than any other form of tax.

Some habits are harder to break than others. We may no longer believe house prices are

guaranteed to rise, but we remain convinced that the Government will again smile on the housing market.

What's in a name?

IN THE initial-strewn corridors of personal investment, all is in a name. The most interesting issue raised by the Securities and Investment Board's consultation document on the industry acronym to emerge is just what the beast should be called.

Open-ended investment companies now pass under the yobbish-sounding appellation of OEICs. These are in essence a unit trust wrapped up in a corporate body rather than a legal trust, and the SIB has been toiling to define the rules under which they can be sold.

They have a threefold advantage over the humble unit trust. They will not be so heavily regulated and they will be quoted at a single all-in price, rather than as a bid-offer split, so that you see is what you pay.

They will allow the UK personal finance industry to expand overseas. The law surrounding trusts is one of the English legal system's little foibles, and is little understood elsewhere, while corporate vehicles of an open nature, rather than closed like investment trusts, already exist on the Continent.

Because investment trusts are closed, their share prices ride up and down according to the performance of their individual constituents. Unit trust managers must cancel units and dispose of shares if the price falls too far, which is not usually to the advantage of the remaining investors. Some are calling for the new beast to go by the umbrella title of Investment Fund Company. That sounds too vague for a vehicle whose nature, SIB itself accepts, should be clearly flagged to the punter.

Trading places

NICK LEESON, having sworn up the book deal and sold the film rights, is heading back to Singapore to get the small matter of his porridge out of the way before he can emerge again as a celebrity. His time behind bars may be reduced by a third or more for good behaviour. How strange, given the jail's awesome reputation, that at Changi there should be anything other than good behaviour.

Icahn acts to split up vulnerable Nabisco

CARL ICAHN, the legendary corporate raider, and Bernard LeBow, who runs the Brooke Group, launched a campaign yesterday to put pressure on RJR Nabisco to live off its food division from its beleaguered tobacco interests.

Nabisco is the eighth largest food company in the world and had sales last year of \$7.7 billion.

The announcement ends weeks of speculation about Mr Icahn's intentions towards the conglomerate, since he received Securities and Exchange Commission permission in September to build a substantial shareholding. It is the first big corporate move made by Mr Icahn since he resigned as chairman of TWA two years ago.

Mr Icahn and Mr LeBow, who is also known as a corporate raider, have acquired a 4.8 per cent shareholding worth about \$390 million in RJR Nabisco and are demanding radical changes. With 4.8 per cent Mr LeBow and Mr Icahn become the second largest shareholders in the food and tobacco giant.

If RJR Nabisco does not agree to spin off the huge Nabisco foods division, the two men will propose a new list of directors for the group at the next shareholders' meeting in the spring.

Characteristically, the two men have chosen a weak target. RJR Nabisco's shares have fallen 40 per cent since the beginning of last year as it

struggles to service a mountain of debt created when it was taken over by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the buyout specialist, five years ago.

Sales of Winston and Salem, its two leading tobacco brands, have also nosedived under a marketing onslaught by Philip Morris, its main cigarette rival.

Mr LeBow, who is chairman of Brooke Group — a company including tobacco and other interests — is seeking to overturn a recent change to the company's by-laws which allow only the group board to call a special meeting of shareholders.

The move to spin off the food division, which is widely regarded as the healthiest part of the group, is likely to receive

support from other RJR Nabisco investors who are unhappy with the performance of the shares.

Michael Price, head of Heine Securities and one of the new owners of Canary Wharf, holds 5 per cent of RJR Nabisco and says he supports the idea of a spin-off. Fidelity Investments, the fund management group that owns more than 14 per cent of the company, has not said what its view would be.

Mr LeBow has built his reputation at Brooke by turning it into a wide-ranging conglomerate through leveraged buyouts. Mr Icahn has waged proxy battles against a number of companies, the best remembered of which was Texaco.

Emerald nets Trafalgar £21m

TRAFFALGAR HOUSE, the stricken engineering and construction conglomerate partly owned by the Jardine Matheson empire, announced another disposal yesterday.

The shares rose 1p to 22½p after Trafalgar revealed that it had sold the ill-starred Emerald Producer floating production facility for £21 million. The buyer is Seatankers Management Company. The disposal follows the recently announced sale of the Ritz Hotel in London for £75 million.

The Emerald Producer was acquired in the disastrous takeover of Davy Corporation

and was in Trafalgar's books for £20 million. In the year to September 30 the Emerald Producer made an unaudited operating profit of £2.2 million, lower than in the previous year. Oil production from the Emerald Field is diminishing and it is expected to reach the end of its productive life by the first quarter of 1996.

Completion of the sale will take place within the first half of 1996. The proceeds will be used by Trafalgar House to reduce its borrowings. It has already warned shareholders to expect severe losses when results for the year to the end of September are reported in December.

T&N fights Chase asbestos claim

T&N, the former Turner & Newall building materials group, set out to defend itself against a potentially crippling damages claim of up to \$180 million in a New York court yesterday.

The claim is being made by Chase Manhattan, the international bank, which says that T&N installed asbestos fireproofing at its headquarters even though it knew the substance was dangerous.

T&N installed the asbestos in One Chase Manhattan Plaza, near Wall Street, when the 60-storey aluminium and glass tower was built in the 1950s.

Chase is claiming \$100 million in damages as well as costs, which have been estimated at \$80 million initially. This is one of the largest claims made against T&N, which has suffered a tide of claims since asbestos was discovered to be a health hazard. Success for Chase could open the floodgates to further claims from the US.

Last Friday it lost a court action in Leeds against residents who claimed they had suffered by living close to an asbestos factory. Experts believe that even an out-of-court settlement could cost T&N about £50 million, eating up more than a third of the £240 million reserve fund set up for future claims.

Cockburn joins WH Smith

WH Smith, the high street retailer, yesterday named Bill Cockburn as chief executive, replacing Sir Malcolm Field, who will retire at the end of the year.

Mr Cockburn, a former chief executive of the Post Office, will join WH Smith's board tomorrow. He takes over as chief executive on January 1.

His appointment comes as WH Smith struggles to reposition itself in a fiercely competitive retail market. In August, the group announced its first fall in profits since 1980 and the loss of 1,000 jobs.

At the time, Sir Malcolm said that the search for a new chief executive was under way and that he was delaying his departure until his successor had been found. Sir Malcolm had been scheduled to retire in August.

Mr Cockburn, 52, is Scottish, married with two daughters. Jeremy Hardie, chairman, said: "I am delighted that Bill Cockburn has agreed to join us. His success in transforming a complex organisation into a consumer-conscious business is well recognised. I know that he will bring his strategic management skills to bear on this group to the benefit of customers and shareholders alike."



Bill Cockburn becomes chief executive on January 1

Infotrade online with market facts

THE great investing public can now get access to a plethora of useful information on their home personal computers.

Infotrade yesterday launched an online personal finance network. Based in the United Kingdom, Infotrade is a newly created subsidiary of Mitsubishi, the Japanese group.

For the avid follower of stock market form, Infotrade will offer share dealing, plus price and company results data. In addition, Infotrade e-mail will allow investors to contact their broker and other share enthusiasts.

Users will be able to obtain real-time London Stock Exchange prices, three-year historical company results, two-year result forecasts, descriptions of the activities of companies and details of their directors' share dealings.

Share dealing services will be provided initially by City Deal Services and ShareLink, but other firms are to be recruited. Infotrade Portfolio will cost £10-a-month, plus a £25 connection fee. The software costs £69.99. Prices will be charged at 20p per minute.

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M0 rises just 0.3% in October

Slowing of economy confirmed

A SLOWING in the growth of M0, the narrow money supply, in October, has confirmed signals of a general economic slowdown. M0 rose 0.3 per cent in October, according to figures published by the Bank of England yesterday, at the weaker end of market expectations. The annual rate of growth, at 5.2 per cent, was the weakest since November, 1993 and compares with 5.4 per cent in September.

The slowing in the rate of growth was seen as helping the case for lower base rates, as it has in the past been a guide to trends in consumer spending, and a good lead guide to inflation trends, though recently CBI retail surveys and official retail sales data have been more important

for monetary policy. Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, said the slowdown in the year-on-year rate of M0 growth reflected a drop in banks' operational deposits from a year ago. He said: "Operational deposits, held at the Bank of England, account for 1 per cent of M0, but are highly volatile depending in part on whether the Bank's money market operations are generous or tight."

Simon Briscoe, economist at Nikko, said M0 "continues to be distorted upwards by various factors — the lottery, the composition of retail sales, growth in the black economy, tourism expansion and higher state benefits". He said the weaker than expected growth would take more pressure off the Chancellor, as "the Bank of England will be less inclined to press for higher rates". Notes and coin,

which comprises the bulk of M0, rose 0.5 per cent in October, taking its annual growth rate to 5.7 per cent. It is now at the lowest rate since February 1994 and below its 7.1 per cent peak a year ago.

Alex Garrard, economist at UBS, said the timing of the lottery draws in the last two months, together with below-average receipts in October, may have depressed notes and coin growth in October. Mr Garrard added he expected the growth rate of M0 to slow in the second half of this year, "partly reflecting the lagged impact of earlier base rate rises". However, he said, increased activity on the high street combined with some further price expansion next year should mean that M0 growth stays above the Government's 4 per cent monitoring-range ceiling for the rest of this year and next.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Share rally cut short as Budget nerves begin

THE countdown to next month's Budget appears to have begun with turnover on the London stock market slumping to one of its lowest levels of the year.

A much needed rally following last week's 53-point fall in the FT-SE 100 index failed to encourage institutional investors. Many of them are steeped in cash and in no rush to reinvest in the stock market until they know what the Chancellor has up his sleeve.

Supported by Friday's 37-point surge in the Dow Jones average and another mark-up in early trading yesterday in New York, share prices in London were marked higher from the outset.

There was little follow through and the gains were eventually halved. The index still managed to climb back above the 3,500 level, finishing 12.1 points up at 3,510.0. Turnover was a meagre 425 million shares.

United News and Media, publisher of *The Star*, *Daily* and *Sunday Express*, rose 5p to 51p following claims that the group is about to be broken up and its newspaper interests sold off.

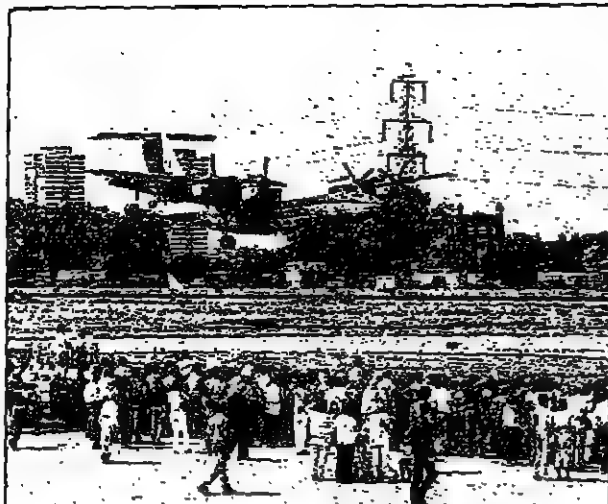
It was also suggested that George Magan had been appointed to find buyers for the titles, but a spokesman for United News denied the reports and said Magan had been charged with establishing possible areas of collaboration with other companies in such areas as negotiating newspaper contracts.

The group's newspaper interests have been under pressure for some time, with profits squeezed by mounting costs, falling circulation and a squeeze in revenue.

Reuters, the international news agency, financial information group, clawed back some of last week's fall that stemmed from a warning about a possible slowdown in revenue growth.

The shares hardened 19p to 576p at Merrill Lynch, the broker, began pushing the shares. It has embarked on a positive tack, telling clients about the group's prospects in the Asia-Pacific basin.

SelectTV, the independent television production company, continued to lose ground after failing to win the new Channel 5. The price touched 28½p before rallying to close a net 4p down on the day at 30p following talk that it could find itself the target of



Mowlem rose 9p on selling London City Airport, here welcoming its first flight, a Brymon Dash 7, in 1987

a bid soon from Pearson, a member of the winning Channel 5 consortium.

SelectTV has a successful portfolio of television programmes to its name, including *Birds of a Feather* and *Levi's*.

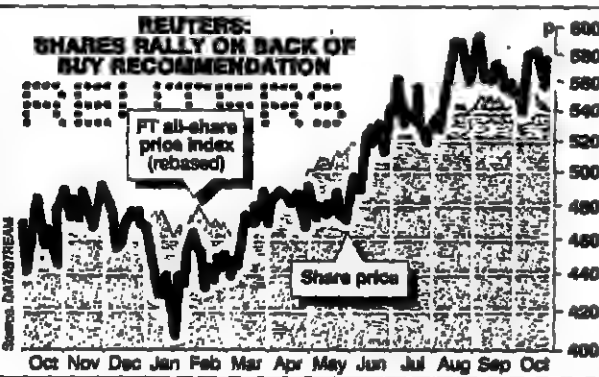
The Daily Mail Trust, unchanged at 12.85, has a 13 per cent stake and MAI, 5p dearer at 32p, also has a holding.

T&N fell 4p to 144p as it began defending itself in New York against claims from asbestos sufferers charging negligence on work on the building of Chase Manhattan's headquarters. Heavy turnover was reported with a line of 3.5 million going through at 145p followed by several lines of 1.5 million at 140p.

The speculators are talking of a bid worth 40p a share.

Bakyrchik Gold touched 93p before ending the session 27p dearer at 180p on the news that it has found two backers willing to inject a total of £22 million. This should enable the company to continue developing its project in Kazakhstan.

Johannes Kojo, an Indonesian businessman, and



Mowlem will make a charge of £5.5 million relating to the disposal in its second-half figures.

Thames Water firmed up to 521p ahead of interim figures this morning. These are expected to show pre-tax profits up from £151 million to £165 million as well as being accompanied by a 13 per cent increase in the dividend to 9.3p. Meanwhile, the speculators are pinning their hopes on Thames eventually bidding for London Electricity, 18p dearer at 92p.

Schoell, the footwear group, advanced a further 6p to 22p following weekend reports that L'Oréal, the French beauty products group, and Gillet, the US toiletries group, had approached rebel shareholders in the hope of winning them over before making bids.

The rebel shareholders account for 15 per cent of Schoell shares and were out-voted at a recent extraordinary meeting at which they tried to get boardroom representation and to sell off the company.

Frost Group stood out with a rise of 12p to 22p after its petrol stations were given a clean bill of health by the Trading Standards Office.

It had held an inquiry after complaints about Lead Replacement Gasoline following allegations that it had breached the trade descriptions act by the Petrol Retailers Association. Frost now plans to introduce LRG in all its service stations.

GILT-EDGED: Prices failed to capitalise on a firm start and soon showed signs of running out of steam. The absence of any fresh economic news and quiet trading in Europe in the run-up to All-Sains Day kept most institutional investors sidelined. The biggest hurdle lies ahead with the US payroll numbers towards the end of the week.

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt moved higher in thin trading ended the session 6½ better at £106½, while at 25,000 contracts closed.

In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 rose 1/16 to 97½, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 added 1/32 to £102½.

NEW YORK: A revival in high technology shares kept Wall Street ahead and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 13 points higher at 4,754.76.

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No dividend drought

AS BID fever subsides in the electricity industry, Ofwat has helpfully pointed the finger at potential hidden value in the water sector. The issue is a slump in capital expenditure and the Director-General is warning that efficiency savings must be shared with customers, preferably in the form of lower bills.

A small bell should now be ringing in the heads of water investors. Denied the sort of action that has excited the electricity sector, water investors have endured the assumption that spending to improve water quality and clean beaches would act as a huge sponge, soaking up cash which might otherwise boost dividends. That is still true, but yesterday's investment figures suggest that, once again, the water companies are paying their contractors less than expected and may be making a

handsome turn on their construction projects. Ofwat's last price review was based on the assumption of investment of £2.9 billion but a saving of £400 million has been achieved somewhere between the budget and the contractor's bill.

This should not be news to seasoned water investors who remember that Ofwat intervened before the last pricing review when it became clear that water companies were enjoying huge savings from builders who cut bids to win business. Water companies can also phase infrastructure spending. The industry is in a cyclical dip as compliance with the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive is not due for several years. There are no rewards for early compliance; money in the bank earns interest and can be used to pay bigger dividends.

Simon Eng

LEGAL action by Butte against subsidiaries of Simon Engineering is not a surprise. Butte, the former mining company that is now a shell company pursuing a litigation against ex-directors, had the option of making a counterclaim in the UK against the Robertson group or dropping out of legal action which has been running for three years altogether. Its route in the US was stymied after an injunction.

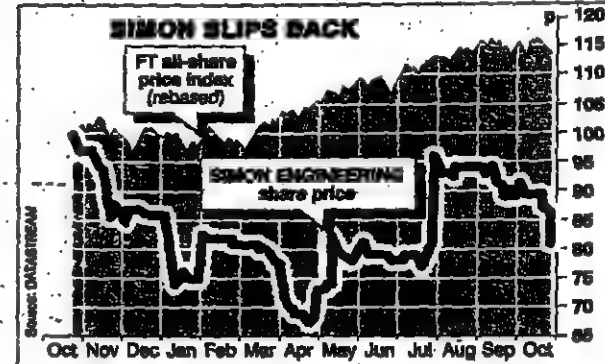
Simon has succeeded in getting its name removed from the headline allegations and is adamant it will pay nothing but the action is something the maker of hydraulic and rescue equipment could do without. Simon, which clawed its way back into profit last month when it announced interim pre-tax profits at £2.4 million

after a loss of £12.4 million the previous year, has undergone radical change since the present management took over two years ago.

Constrained by a sluggish UK market it has seen some bright spots of late, notably a £7 million contract from the MoD to produce rapid intervention vehicles for airfield rescues. There is still ground

to be made up by the company which has fought hard to reduce debt and sell businesses in a sector afflicted by high costs and low demand.

The small drop in share price yesterday is no reason for panic but reflects a measure of uncertainty and the sooner the dispute with Butte is resolved the better.



Bakyrchik Gold

ROBERT FRIEDLAND, the man who made a mint from nickel in Voisey Bay, Labrador, is having a flutter on gold in Kazakhstan. Flush with funds from the sale of a quarter share in Diamond Fields, the Canadian mining company which owns a stake in the world's largest nickel deposit, Friedland has linked up with others to subscribe for new shares and options worth up to 29 per cent of Bakyrchik Gold which owns 40 per cent of a mine on the steps of Kazakhstan.

The mine is in desperate need of cash: some £35 million has been raised so far in the initial raising in 1993 and subsequent share issues but Bakyrchik has yet to produce gold in commercial quantities. A big problem is the high carbon content of the ore which has reduced gold output but Bakyrchik has raised estimates of gold reserves from 8.9 million tonnes to 15 million ounces.

Bakyrchik shares rose by almost a third yesterday as investors rushed to capitalise on the Friedland magic but Bakyrchik is no Voisey Bay. Significant operational problems could prove insoluble without massive investment. Building a "roaster" in Kazakhstan to burn the carbon from the gold could cost a few hundred million dollars.

Two core Bakyrchik investors, Chibweh, a US trading group and Minpro, an Australian company, bailed out of Bakyrchik within a year of the floats the arrival of a new promoter promises another roller-coaster for the shares but what Bakyrchik needs is proven technical and operational skills, not public relations. In the absence of good news from Kazakhstan, investors should leave the risk to Robert Friedland.

Investment Trusts

If investment trusts were once lonely dinosaurs, threat-

ened in the early 1980s by the upstart unit trust industry, the past five years have seen them breeding like rabbits.

Today the industry looks ready for a bout of takeovers. Hundreds of trusts have been created, many focusing on specialist sectors such as emerging markets or natural resources but not all have performed well. NatWest Securities reckons the time is ripe for a restructuring of the sector with good trust managers taking out the bad by exploiting inefficient use of capital. Trusts whose shares are standing at substantial discounts without good reason are obvious candidates.

The consolidation of a fragmented industry should put the spotlight on costs. Consumer demand for financial products is currently weak and trust managers who have underperformed may find it hard to justify their overheads when faced with an aggressive bid.

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BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

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Temps: 1h30

By Philip Pangalos

The shares were unchanged at 135p, compared with a flotation price of 112p.

BY OUR CITY STATE

There is a final dividend of 0.15p, giving a total of 0.25p (nil) for the year, from earnings of 1.01p a share (2.58p loss). Net assets per share increased to 32p (30p). Gearing stood at 128 per cent (134

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

The shares were unchanged at 16½ p.

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The Times and *The Sunday Times*, in association with Cox & Kings, are offering readers the exclusive chance to win one of 80 holidays for two, to a range of destinations throughout the world.

Readers can also enjoy an exclusive 10 per cent discount off all 80 featured holidays and enter our prize draw competition to win £20,000 to spend on an 80-day holiday of a lifetime.

This week's holidays come from the leading specialist, Caribbean Connection who have 20 years' experience in the West Indies and have an extensive portfolio of luxury hotels, yachts and villas to choose from. The company also offers the best availability and rates on luxury flights to the Caribbean.

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Today's holiday offers you the opportunity to enjoy the Robinson Crusoe island of Tobago. The island is virtually at the southern tip of the Caribbean archipelago - almost on the coast of South America. Twinned with neighbouring Trinidad, and sharing the capital Port of Spain, it offers an undeveloped coastline with stunning beaches and a culture based on music, folklore and a passionate love of the national sport, cricket.

You will be staying at the Mount Irvine Bay Hotel, which is best known for its golf course - an eighteen hole championship course set in a stunning landscape. However, if you are not a golfer there is plenty to do including tennis and a beautiful beach on which to walk, swim and relax. The accommodation is spacious with dark mahogany furniture and breezy patios or balconies. Dining in the evening is either under the

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	983.00	418.70	4.70		1st Income	75.52	48,171
RENT	254.00	220.10	33.90		Income	10.10	13.52
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119.30	12.50	- 0.10	1.17	Deutsche	77.70	62.50
42.40	45.10	+ 0.25	1.83	San Antonio	74.54	79.13
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98.16	105.71		2.84	Japan	96.35	99.77

95.10	103.70	2.04	Energy Mktg	83.14	89.52
			Int Exports	114.00	121.00
			Un. Comm	106.00	113.40

200.50	200.70	+ 1.00	5.28	U.S. Steel Co.	51.52	51.37
58.20	61.90	+ 0.27	4.41	Acad. Group Inc.	26.23	26.75
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\$64.30	291.10	-	0.00	1.01	Globet Inc.	71.82	76.40
110.00	117.00	-	0.60	4.46	Ven Capital	374.52	388.10
100.00	100.00	-	0.00	0.00			

78.23	78.71	+ 0.48	1.49	1.49	1.49
80.03	85.72	+ 5.69	1.72	1.72	1.72
38.25	41.77	+ 3.52	0.17	0.17	0.17

95.33	103.58	+ 1.26
67.00	71.91	+ 0.22 0.00
51.14	51.14	+ 0.02 5.00

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 Dealing: 0171 290 2000
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Mc-Adams	230.40	250.50
American Opti	105.30	112.10
Acorn	108.40	113.50
...	84.40	88.70

307.48	421.80	2.43
426.28	452.30	3.02

299.50	317.80	1.28	European Mkt	103.30	111.00
281.80	279.30	1.37	Accum	103.90	111.70
137.00	145.10		European Growth	764.25	280.00
281.00	285.00	1.32	Accum	103.30	111.00

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GENERAL AUT INSURCO LTD	1073.00	1145.000
1972-1973 2001 Ontario 00772 000 205	128.50	230.000
	152.20	171.400
	108.00	200.00

511.90	544.00	2.67	100.00	100.00
YTD.XX	\$10.90	2.67	100.00	100.00
YTD.XX	102.50	4.42	100.00	100.00

60.17	62.00	4.83	High Yield Tr	99.37	102.00
123.50	131.00	7.50	4-10000	99.37	102.00
210.10	224.00	13.90	Income	104.00	114.00

52.11	28.42	7.42	100.00	278.50	278.50
52.12	33.49	6.54	100.00	102.30	102.30
52.13	29.17	4.26	100.00	100.00	100.00
52.14	57.00	4.00	100.00	675.30	675.30

1980	75.45	0.43	Accum	636.00	679.00
1981	119.00	0.43	Japan	160.00	170.00
1982	112.50	0.27	Japan	195.00	175.00

NEW YORK	78.67	1.15	NEW YORK	78.67	1.15
WHEAT	106.90	1.97	-O- ACCR	79.00	211.00
COTTON	145.90	1.47	Pacific	110.00	110.00
TELEPHONE	74.00	1.00		100.00	100.00

1924	1925	..	1926	1927	1928
79.14	84.41	2.18	84.41	84.41	84.41
82.75	84.41	..	84.41	84.41	84.41
82.75	84.41	..	84.41	84.41	84.41

Debt	85.51	85.51
Equity	84.84	98.09
Total	170.35	183.60

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67.56	71.12	+ 0.54	1.47	-de- Account	137.50	143.90

72.28	71.52	+ 0.56	4 47	FT-SE 700 Apr	68.26	68.79	+ 0.53
271.75	268.10	+ 1.40	4 12	FT-SE 100 Div	58.53	58.29	+ 0.24
718.00	704.70	+ 3.90	4 12	IBEX 35	55.15	57.42	+ 2.27

197.50	174.00	+ 0.00	2.50	- Accrue	195.20	172.00
198.00	175.00	+ 0.00	2.50	High Yield	228.50	230.30
170.00	137.00	+ 0.10		- Accrue	207.50	245.10
187.30	166.50			Income	201.30	220.70

59.20	615.20	+ 1.00	0.10	IBM	230.70	230.70
59.40	615.20	+ 1.70	0.10	- Acorn	607.30	609.70
59.75	615.20	- 0.22	0.06	Money Market I	49.72	49.72
				- Acorn	79.70	79.70

Net	98.13	98.61	- 0.22	0.06	Monthly income	37.42	31.54
Net of	104.76	102.93	+ 0.43	0.04	Monthly Personal Pension Unit Trust		
Net of	105.00	112.70	- 0.40	0.34	Net	114.30	121.00

500.10	541.00	+ 8.00	3.62	Emergency Cash	500.10	115.00	-
514.13	515.04	+23.00	3.62	CAR & Fuel	50.45	97.04	-
527.20	551.00	+ 7.50	4.00	Income	90.50	55.70	-

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TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1985		Price per	±%	P/E	FD
Code	Company				
389	105 Ford Group	225	+12	26	18.5
70	112 International Cor	1,180	0	37	17.2
180	113 Harley Davidson	1,050	+5	37	17.2
181	114 Harley Davidson	1,050	+5	37	17.2
182	115 Harley Davidson	1,050	+5	37	17.2
183	116 Harley Davidson	1,050	+5	37	17.2
184	117 Harley Davidson	1,050	+5	37	17.2
185	118 Harley Davidson	1,050	+5	37	17.2
186	119 Harley Davidson	1,050	+5	37	17.2
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SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS					
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557	500 Bunker Hill	457	-1	10.7	16.6
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SUPPORT SERVICES					
943	620 AUI	995	+20	14	17.2
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945	622 AUI	995	+20	14	17.2
946	623 AUI	995	+20	14	17.2
947	624 AUI	995	+20	14	17.2
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS					
419	563 AT	373	+3	5.9	15.1
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A woman bears the brunt of male anger: will MPs agree reforms to give greater protection from violent partners?

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...has happened to domestic law-making when legislators — mostly male — subordinate essential aspects of family life and public safety to the myth of domestic harmony.

The divorce reforms of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, hinge on bringing an end to the welter of petitions based on "unreasonable behaviour", a fault-based ground that allows proceedings to start much sooner than a consensual divorce based on a two-year separation.

The reasoning is that the violence and abuse pleaded by wives in behaviour petitions is a ploy to secure a quickie divorce. Since Lord Mackay knows that violence in marriage cannot be swept so speciously under the carpet, he has introduced the new Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill, which defers criticism of the extent to which his divorce proposals will expose wives of violent partners to risk.

But the Bill is also a long overdue law reform, which has received shabby parliamentary treatment. Last week's deal effectively traded a reduction in "new" rights of cohabitants in the Bill for right-wing support of the Government's proposals, which remove fault from divorce.

This uncertain attempt to prolong marriages at the expense of the physical safety of the unmarried and their children might not have been possible had our time-honoured democratic procedures been followed.

Under the new Jellicoe procedure, it was whisked through both Houses almost unopposed earlier in the parliamentary session. As a result, our legislators knew little about this Cinderella of a Bill.

Help for victims veers between an uncertain police response, patchy local authority rehousing provision and a shoring system of voluntary refuges and support organisations. Usually, the only means by which a woman can

opt to stay safely in her own home, with the law's full protection, is by bringing private injunction proceedings in the civil court. The Bill reforms and extends the complex law and procedures by which this is done.

Originally drafted by the Law Commission three years ago, it was neglected until the Government agreed to include it in a batch of "uncontentious" Law Commission Bills to be speeded through Parliament under the untried new procedure.

The notion behind it is that "technical" law reform — the straightening out, re-writing and editing of law that has, with the passage of time, got into a tangle of multiple legislation and case law — should be waved through without the handicap of queuing for precious parliamentary time.

It is a compromise to which the Labour opposition has readily agreed, bending to the veiled blackmail that, otherwise, important reforms will remain on the shelf.

The new domestic violence legislation is not uncontentious. And, like virtually all the current batch of Law Commission Bills to go through, the Government has meddled with it.

The nature of the Jellicoe procedure makes the Bills extremely hard to restore or amend. Debate is cut to a minimum and held mainly

among peers and not MPs. The Bill received two short debates in a fore-shortened period in the Lords.

In the Commons it received both Second Reading and Committee "debates" just before the summer recess, each lasting mere minutes, inside the space of a week. The final Commons stage, the Report Debate, faced a similar fate until the Government realised it was no longer a law-reform package but a bag of bargaining chips.

The debate it should have received would have put the black-letter law reforms in their social context. It should have excavated the absence of any plans to reform procedure and repeated the strong concerns of the Home Affairs Select Committee that those without legal aid or the money to employ lawyers might fail to get a legal remedy. It would have questioned the failure to link criminal penalties and protection. It might have restored the Law Commission's provisions for third-party proceedings by the police in the most extreme cases.

Above all, full parliamentary debate would have provided a focus for new thinking that has invaded the law since the passage of the Children Act and the introduction of the Child Support Agency: a philosophy that puts the practical needs and social welfare of children and their carers above the technical property rights of the economically (and

physically) stronger party. The Bill extends the right of protection beyond cohabitants living together as husband and wife, to a wider circle, including relatives, former spouses and cohabitants, and engaged couples. It introduces psychological harm to the definition of violence, and it gives greater prominence to the welfare of children caught in a violent relationship.

Important factors laid down by the Law Commission for judicial decisions on the right to occupy the home deserve quotation. They are:

- The respective housing needs and resources of the parties and any relevant child;
- The respective financial resources of the parties;
- The likely effect of any order, or of any court decision not to make an order, on the health, safety and well-being of any relevant child.

Under legislation passed by the last Labour Government, cohabitants can already exclude a violent partner from the home. Case law has also developed certain equitable property rights for some cohabitants who do not have legal rights to the home they share. The Bill's aim was to bring all the existing tangle of statute, procedural and case law within a uniform jurisdiction and to apply uniform principles to it.

The "new" rights that the defenders of family values

would like to eliminate may well live on in law. While the new values would be tilted dangerously and unfairly away from the children of the unmarried, as well as the partners and other relatives who live in the same house as a violent or abusive person. Worse, the Bill might be lost altogether if the Lord Chancellor cannot climb down fast enough to appease the right wing before the end of the parliamentary session. How will the Government's insistence on a cheap, long-winded, lawyer-free, mediated-round-the-table, divorce regime look then to the women and children for whom family values are a broken nose?

A lonely lawyer quietly plots...

When F. Hubert Jessop, a regional solicitor, had the temerity to challenge the Law Society hierarchy by standing against its presidential candidate, and winning, the wrath of the legal establishment was terrible to behold and he did not get the usual knighthood. That was in 1954 and for many years the vision of his return to Aberystwyth as plain Mr Jessop served to discourage anyone else from standing for president against the Law Society council's approved candidate. Even when the Government stopped giving knighthoods to presidents, only approved candidates dared stand. Then came Martin Mears, who not only stood for president but announced his intention of standing again, thus departing from the tradition of presidents leaving the job as soon as they had found out how to do it.

If Mr Mears had been promising the slaughter of the first-born, the opposition of the legal establishment could not have been more strident. Sage heads spoke of the incalculable harm that would result from a Mears presidency. The legal press was full of stories of senior partners of large commercial firms being urged to get their employees to vote en bloc for Henry Hodge on the basis that even a socialist legal aid practitioner was better for the profession than an arch-conservative from Great Yarmouth.

I predicted in this column that Mr Mears would win and that Henry Hodge would come second. I expected that, without a power base on the council,

Mr Mears would run into difficulties. Both have proved to be true. He has been defeated over the issue of the controversial severance package that John Hayes, the secretary-general, granted to Veronica Lowe, the outgoing head of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau. Mr Mears wanted an inquiry but was voted down. But this arrangement had been concluded and a group of lawyers is hardly likely to vote to interfere with a settlement already agreed. The suspicion also exists that some members thought £90,000 was a small price to pay for "releasing" a controversial figure.

Mr Mears claims that some council members promised to support him but did not. If true, it suggests that some council members either change their minds very easily or are not very honourable. Neither trait is desirable in a solicitor. But it does not follow that this is a blow for Mr Mears personally. The profession at large is suspicious of Law Society spending and anyone who tries to challenge large severance payments to top staff will be popular with the

rank and file. In 1994, in a highly unusual supplementary report to the report and accounts, Mr L.J. Bloomfield, the Law Society's honorary auditor, criticised some of the society's financial arrangements.

So is Mr Mears fondering? There is now talk of a caucus on the council pledged to oppose him. Robert Sayer, the vice-president, says in the *New Law Journal* that the election may prove to be "nothing more than throwing a brick into a pond — a big splash and a lot of ripples". It is difficult, he says, for two men to fight the "smothering forces of complacency and tradition" on their own: he urges the ordinary membership of the profession to demand that change does occur.

Yet to those more than a stone's throw from Chancery Lane, Mr Mears is surviving well. He has subsequently skirmished publicly with Mr Hayes over the Lowe package and

has emerged with a plan approved by the finance committee for hiring-and-firing powers over senior staff to be given to the committee rather than the secretary-general. Leaked letters in the legal press tend to show the president fighting a lonely populist cause against the establishment. This may be posuring but it is effective politics.

What critics tend to forget is that Mr Mears is also an able journalist writing for his local newspaper and the nationals. His carefully cultivated high profile and the extra publicity given to him by his opponents' hysteria enable him to reach a big audience and to portray himself as a doughty fighter for the ordinary solicitor. And it enables him to move his political campaign along by openly calling on candidates to stand to challenge his opponents on the council. It gives him a strong platform for standing again as president on the basis that he needs to keep at the job for as long as it takes to complete his reforms. Given that he already has a popular mandate, opponents who carry on opposing him will find this difficult without appearing penitent and out of touch with the membership.

The vanquished Mr Hodge has intelligently kept out of much of the fray, leaving others less astute to rise to the bait over "discrimination industry" gibes.

Meanwhile, much is made of Mr Mears's political inexperience in all this. But he is an intelligent man and the learning curve in politics is a steep one. The signs are that he is learning fast. His opponents should not underestimate an election winner with a populist touch and a flair for publicity. Martin Mears may sit on his own in the Law Society bar but he will be plotting.

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The Edge on Mears?

ONE THIRD of law firms who do conveyancing have charged fees of less than £150, according to new research from the Law Society.

Worse for the profession is the news that the total number of transactions in the property market has dropped every month since 1994.

The society's policy unit, claiming there is "little hope of recovery", warns solicitors it would be unwise to plan on a rise in the market. The news will fuel the remarkable campaign by John Edge, a Bournemouth solicitor, to get scale conveyancing fees reintroduced. Rumour has it that the campaign is making the president, Martin Mears, nervous. His opponents mischievously point out that the 11,500 letters of support Mr Edge has had from solicitors up and down England and Wales are close to

the number of votes Mears got in the summer elections. "Mr Mears has acknowledged conveyancing as 'another catastrophe'."

Short courts

PERHAPS the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, should visit Denmark if he wants to find an alternative to levying up to £2,000 a day in court fees. Lord Woolf, too, as he continues his quest for the holy grail of cutting trial delays.

Klaus Junn-Hansen, resident partner in the Danish firm Kronmann & Mønter's London office, says: "Our courts charge a fee for starting proceedings, calculated as 1 per cent of the amount claimed. It is seen as very equitable in Denmark."

Effectively, the larger the amount claimed the greater

the fee. "But even your proposal for a 'pay as you go' scheme would," he says, "be more equitable there."

He adds: "The most complex commercial trials normally last only two days."

Merger mania

A SURVEY has revealed that 100 per cent of a sample of law firms with 11 to 49 partners have approached, or have been approached by, another firm to discuss a merger. Forty-six per cent are "actively considering" one, and 80 per cent of all the solicitors surveyed say they would consider a merger.

The results, says Simon Mabey, chairman of the chartered accountants Smith & Williamson, which conducted the survey, "provide dramatic evidence of what we have suspected for some time: that

mergers are among the most pressing issues for solicitors firms today."

Plain speaking

THE Plain English Campaign admits its challenge for lawyers to come up with 100 words of legalese which cannot be translated into plain English is proving too much for the legal profession.

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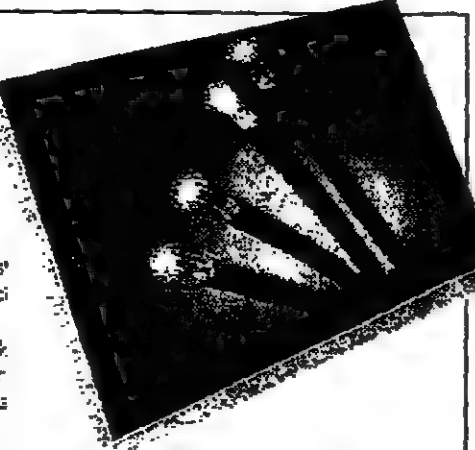
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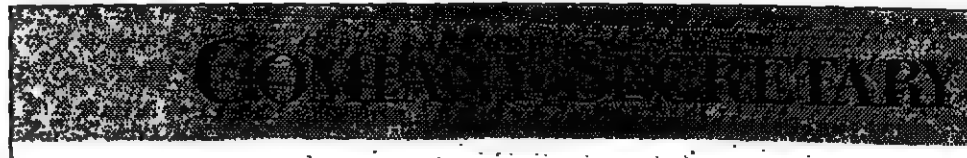
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What's special about the Bar?

Solicitors do not have enough belief in their legal knowledge or ability, says Rory McAlpine

Recent reports from North of the Border suggest that the Caledonian solicitor-advocate has begun to flex his muscles in the civil courts. But in England, 18 months after the first rights of audience were handed out to solicitors, the solicitor-advocate remains a relatively unfamiliar sight within the Royal Courts of Justice in The Strand.

Sixty civil practitioners in the London area have obtained the right to appear in the Supreme Court. Though their profile is marginally more conspicuous than that of the Unicorn, it seems these individuals seldom venture out. There is no obvious reason for this reticence. In private, many in the City voice a fear of alienating their "learned friends", a concern that, if their bread and butter were to be withdrawn, those trusty briefs would no longer make themselves available for the most critical cases (the "mega trials" the firm's most valued clients simply must win). This anxiety surely betrays a misconception as to the true seat of the bargaining power in the solicitor-barrister relationship. In the competitive world we now inhabit, leading members of the Bar are hardly going to refuse the opportunity of a lucrative extension because the profession as a whole feels undernourished. Bear in mind also (but not too closely) that, as we are so often reminded by the elder statesmen of the Temple, barristers have a professional duty to undertake any case falling within their sphere of competence.

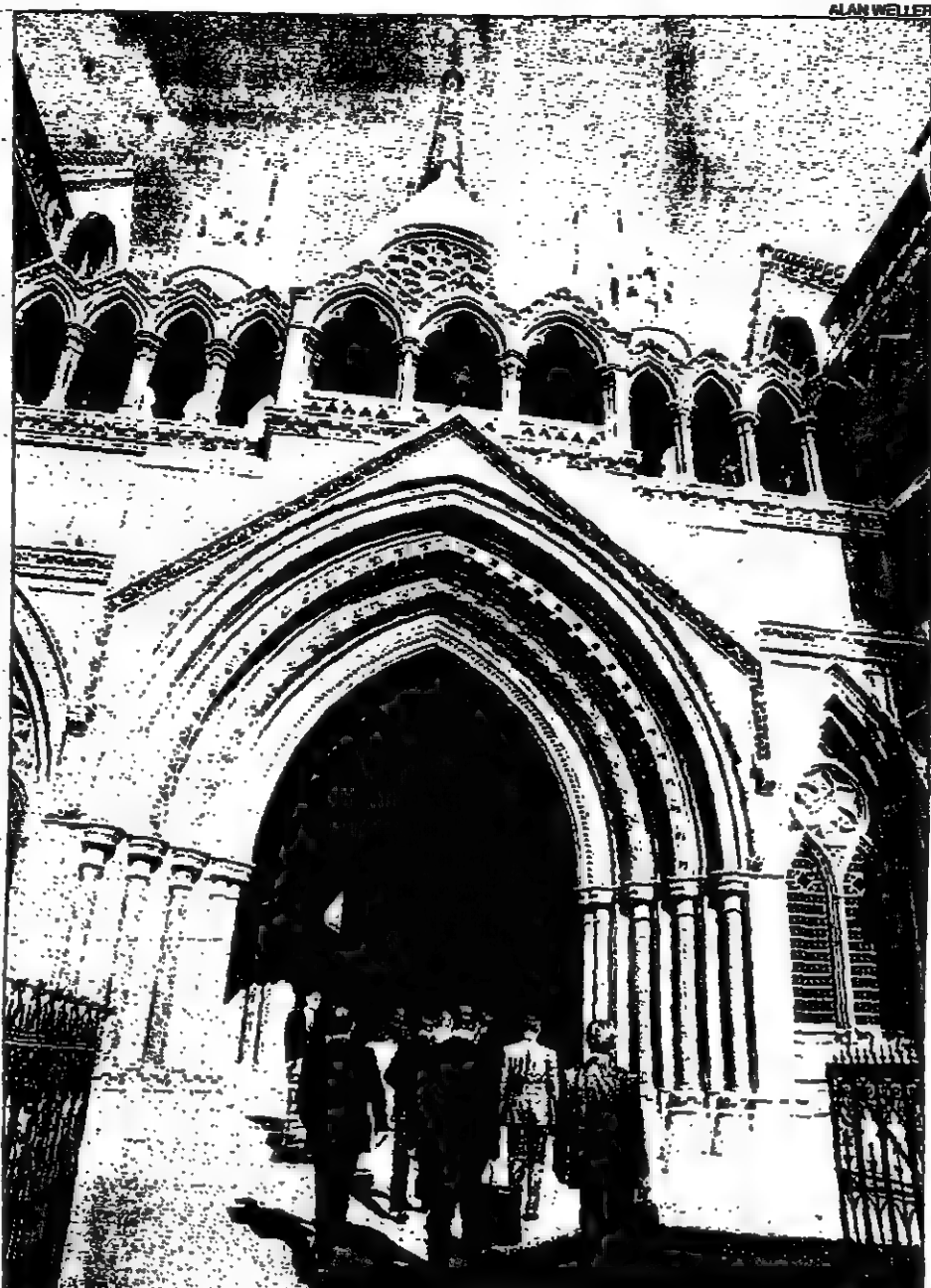
Anyway, why is the "big name" barrister considered so vital to the client's prospects of success? Too many lawyers in the City behave towards the Bar like a teenage wannabe encountering a testosterone-dripping hero in the public

walkways of Wimbledon. In short, they are starstruck. Though that climate, and that attitude, persists, they are hardly likely to pick up a racket and position themselves on the opposite side of the net. Are there valid reasons for the City's continued reliance on the Bar? Barristers themselves resort to analogies from other professions: the solicitor is the general practitioner, the barrister the consultant. Once the patient's ailment has been diagnosed, a referral to a specialist must ensue. This argument presupposes that the barrister operates within a narrower field of practice than the solicitor who instructs him (and, in some instances, that presupposition is well founded). Yet, paradoxically, many City solicitors confine themselves to a smaller area of the law than the barristers they instruct in mainstream commercial chambers.

The specialisation argument explains the Bar's attraction to the smaller firm — and will ensure that the Civil Bar's relationship with this type of practice will continue to prosper. It does not provide the key to the continuing procession from EC2 to EC4.

Objectivity is a concept that always rears its head in the advocacy debate. It is widely — and probably accurately — thought that a barrister is more likely than a solicitor to be able to tell the client "what he doesn't want to hear". It is said that this is because the barrister does not have a direct relationship with the client.

I, for one, would question whether the ability to impart bad news arises from some mystique attaching to the barrister role. Does it not stem from the fact that it is the barrister, rather than the solicitor, who will have to endure the embarrassment of appearing in Court and having a



These days, the gift of the gab is a less important weapon at the Royal Courts of Justice

hopeless argument denounced by the judge? The responsibility of presenting the case imparts a sense of realism.

Some argue that solicitors are pursuing energetically the new opportunities with which they have been provided. It is simply the case, so this argument proceeds, that in these transitional days, solicitors have not yet "found their feet" in sufficient numbers to make themselves visible. Those who

favour this theory point enthusiastically to the proliferation of "Country House Hotel Advocacy Weeks" on which charabanc-loads of tyros are expensively dispatched. The mock trial is the extracurricular flavour of the month.

It is surprising that the proliferating schools of adventure have not been bruised by loss of revenue. But the incalculable of "conjuring tricks" is surely not the way to spawn a

generation of solicitor-advocates. I would suggest that those who lavish money on this type of activity have failed to identify the reason why the Temple remains such a popular destination for City solicitors. More often than not in commercial cases, an advocate distinguishes himself not through sleight of hand or the sly qualities of his tongue, but because he has grasped the legal issues.

As we move away, with the encouragement of Lord Woolf and others, from orally presented argument to written submissions, the gift of the gab becomes a much less important weapon. It is all too convenient for solicitors to peddle the myth that the barrister, because of the peculiarities of his training, possesses intangible courtroom skills the solicitor can never hope to acquire or emulate. But the workload of the Commercial Bar consists, in large measure, of advisory work and drafting documents, matters which are merely ancillary to the performance in front of the judge.

The prime — but largely unspoken — reason for the City's dependence on the Bar is surely that the solicitors' profession "has insufficient confidence in its own legal knowledge or ability. That lack of confidence may, to some extent, be justified. The cure, however, has suddenly become available, if only the so-called "junior profession" would make use of it.

Statistics suggest that a significant number of the most capable law graduates gravitate towards the Inns of Court, rather than the Law Society. The availability of rights of audience presents the solicitors' profession with the perfect tool with which to change that trend. In these inaugural days, it remains possible for City firms to "talk a good story" to prospective recruits, to tell them that a new age has dawned and to titillate them with the prospect of a glittering career addressing the courts. But, unless hard evidence of derring-do in The Strand is soon forthcoming, the story will wear thinner and thinner.

Yet the benefits which litigation firms and their clients can derive from the presence of an advocacy function are significant: the service is more streamlined, the scope for delay is reduced, the job of the solicitor is rendered more stimulating. If only "old habits" could be jettisoned more readily.

● The author, head of the advocacy unit at Wilde Saple, City solicitors, was granted rights of audience in January.

LEGAL ROUNDUP

Asil Nadir's new tactics

ASIL NADIR is to use pre-trial publicity to fight his case. Peter Krivinskas, his solicitor, is preparing abuse of process papers in an attempt to stay proceedings against Mr Nadir, which are expected to take place next March. If he succeeds in getting charges dropped, his client will sue the Serious Fraud Office and others for damages.

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Court of Appeal

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Court of Appeal

Hearing 'inadmissible' evidence Whether to register overseas doctor

Regina v Gilfoyle

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice Hidden

[Judgment October 20]

The Court of Appeal could, in the exercise of its discretion under section 23(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, of its own initiative review the decision at trial that the evidence was inadmissible and, if it concluded that the evidence was relevant and admissible, it could receive the evidence on the appeal.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Norman Edward Gilfoyle against his conviction in July 1993 at Liverpool Crown Court (Mr Justice McCullough and a jury) of murder, for which he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Section 23 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 provides:

"(1) For the purpose of this part of the Act the Court of Appeal may, if they think it necessary or expedient in the interests of justice (a) order the production of any document, exhibit or other thing connected with the proceedings, the production of which appears to them necessary for the determination of the case; (b) order any witness who would have been a compellable witness in the proceedings from which the appeal lies to attend for examination and to be examined before the court,

whether or not he was called in those proceedings; and (c) subject to subsection (3) below, receive the evidence, if tendered, of any witness."

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr James H. Gregory for the appellant; Mr Rodney Klevan, QC and Mr Brian Lewis for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that on June 4, 1992 the appellant's wife, Paula, had been found hanging from a beam in the garage of her home. Initially it was assumed that it was a case of suicide because the appellant produced a note in which she had expressed an intention to take her own life.

On June 8, 1992, Mrs Mallon, a friend of Paula, made a statement to the police concerning a conversation between them in April 1992.

Mrs Mallon stated that Paula had told her that her husband, who was an auxiliary nurse, was doing a suicide project at work and asked for her help in writing examples of suicide notes. Two other friends made statements concerning similar conversations with Paula.

A more detailed investigation into the circumstances of Paula's death was put in train which eventually led to the appellant's conviction for murder.

In opening the appeal Mr Mans-

field said that it was plainly a case where the court must have a lurking doubt that the verdict of the jury was unsafe. He asked the court to receive fresh evidence from a Mrs Piper who said she had seen Paula on the day of her death, from a forensic pathologist and from a handwriting expert.

Their Lordships rejected the application to hear evidence from the last two witnesses but agreed to receive the evidence of Mrs Piper.

In addition, their Lordships considered that the court had power, of its own initiative, to receive evidence if relevant and admissible, and that at least part of the evidence contained in the statements of Paula's three friends as to what she said to them concerning the suicide notes, which had been ruled inadmissible at the trial, was indeed relevant and admissible.

In their Lordships' judgment the court had not only the power to receive admissible evidence which would afford a ground for allowing the appeal but had a wider discretion, if it thought it necessary or expedient in the interests of justice, to order any witness to attend for examination and to be examined before the court whether or not he testified at the trial.

They were satisfied that the interests of justice were not simply confined to receiving evidence which would result in an appeal being allowed particularly when

the court was being asked to review an unsafe and unsatisfactory verdict of a jury after an impossible summing-up on the ground that it had a lurking doubt.

The statements attributed to Paula by her three friends throw light on her state of mind which was one of the principal issues in the case. Hearsay evidence to prove the declarant's state of mind was an exception to the rule which had been accepted by the common law for many years.

Accordingly, their Lordships were satisfied that, if considered necessary in the interests of justice, the fact that the statements were made could be proved to show that when she wrote the notes Paula was not of a suicidal frame of mind and that she wrote them in the belief that she was assisting the appellant in a course of work.

Turning to consider the evidence of Mrs Piper, in conjunction with the other circumstances upon which the Crown relied to show the time of death, their Lordships did not consider that Mrs Piper's evidence would have been likely to have affected the jury's verdict nor were they persuaded that it was of such weight that the verdict should be regarded as unsafe and unsatisfactory. It was not, therefore, necessary to consider the evidence of Mrs Piper in the interests of justice to require Paula's three friends to attend for examination.

Their Lordships expressed the hope that the Law Commission Consultation Paper No 128 on Criminal Law Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: Hearsay and Related Topics (HMSO) would clarify the law and produce a law of evidence in criminal cases which laid down, in the words of Lord Griffiths in his dissenting speech in *R v Kearley* (1992) AC 228, 236: "... developed along common sense lines readily comprehensible to the men and women who comprise the jury and bear the responsibility for the major decisions in criminal cases."

Those men and women were surely entitled to a rational explanation why, when they were chosen to apply their common sense and experience in the assessment and appraisal of witnesses' evidence, they should be regarded as lacking the ability to discern the difference between speculative rumour and spontaneous truth in statements made out of court.

Although in their Lordships' opinion the making of the statements in the present case was relevant and admissible under the existing complex hearsay rules, the fact that dubbing them "hearsay" sufficed to prohibit them from the jury's judgment was hardly likely to enhance public esteem of the criminal process.

Solicitors: C. J. Malone, Todmorden; Crown Prosecution Service, Merseyside.

Regina v General Medical Council, Ex parte Virik

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment October 24]

In making a determination under section 25 of the Medical Act 1983 as to whether to grant full registration to a doctor with acceptable overseas qualifications the General Medical Council did not have to make a comparison with a hypothetical European Union equivalent applicant.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal brought by Mr Justice Carnwath, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division (*The Times* February 17, 1995) when he quashed the decision of the GMC refusing Dr Balbir Singh Virik full registration as a medical practitioner.

Section 25 of the 1983 Act provides: "A person who is or has been registered with limited registration may ... apply to the General Council to be registered fully ... and if the Council think fit so to direct, having regard to the knowledge and skill shown and the experience acquired by the applicant, he shall be registered ... as a fully registered medical practitioner."

Mr Robert Englehart, QC and Mr Timothy Suraker for the GMC; Mr Robin Allen, QC, for Dr Virik.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that Dr Virik had medical qualifications and experience from Malaysia and India. He came to the UK in 1982 and acquired limited registration under the 1983 Act which entitled him to practise medicine for a five year maximum under supervision. Between 1982 and 1987 he held senior house posts. In March 1992 he applied for full registration which was refused by the GMC and upheld by the review board. He applied for judicial review and the judge quashed the decision of the GMC and the review board but refused mandamus and declaratory relief.

The 1983 Act made a distinction between the registration of doctors qualifying in the UK and elsewhere in the EU on the one hand and registration of doctors qualifying overseas. Furthermore, there was a distinction between those with "recognised" overseas qualifications eligible to full registration immediately and those with "acceptable" overseas qualifications who were only eligible for limited registration: see sections 19 and 20.

There were only 22 overseas institutions subject to regular inspections by the GMC and recognition for the purpose of full registration under section 19.

On behalf of the GMC, Mr Englehart submitted that the statutory enactment regarding

registration for UK/EU doctors stipulated requirements for education and experience and there was close supervision by an education committee at all stages.

There was further a divergence between those with "recognised" and "acceptable" overseas qualifications. So far as the former was concerned, provided the doctor had the necessary knowledge of English and was of good character, the GMC was expressly required to conduct a comparability test under section 19(2).

The fundamental distinction between the two classes of registration of foreign doctors was entirely understandable since the 22 recognised institutions were well known to the GMC and were regularly inspected.

However, Mr Englehart submitted that the position with regard to limited registration under sections 22 to 25 was entirely different. There were over 900 other institutions with so many wide variations of quality that comparison was virtually impossible.

Section 25, he urged, laid down no particular or single standard and gave the GMC a wide discretion. He said the judge had erred by reading into section 25 an unwarranted assumption that there was a single standard to be measured against an equivalent standard of UK/EU qualifiers.

Mr Allen submitted that the

judgment of Mr Justice Carnwath should be upheld. He argued, inter alia, that since the successful applicant had to be registered under section 19, all the requirements of that section, including the comparability test, were imported into section 25 applications.

His Lordship found that a tautologous argument, a far better explanation was that the draftsman found it convenient to stipulate registration of all overseas applicants under section 19 whether applied by section 19 or under section 25.

It followed that his Lordship was unable to conclude that as a matter of construction reference to section 19 registration in section 25 imported the section 19(2) comparability test.

On the contrary, there was a striking comparison between the inclusion of a comparability test in section 19 and its omission in section 25. In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Englehart was right to submit that section 25 envisaged a value judgement of each applicant's suitability.

His Lordship would uphold the submissions of the GMC and allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson delivered a concurring judgment and Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: Field Fisher Waterhouse; Pictou Smethmans, Hemel Hempstead.

Caution over confiscating home

Regina v Gregory

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice Stuart-White

[Judgment October 19]

A court minded to make a confiscation order under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 in relation to equity in the matrimonial home ought to proceed with considerable caution.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in allowing an appeal by Timothy John Gregory against concurrent prison sentences of four years, imposed in January 1995 by Judge Hunt at Sheffield Crown Court on conviction of two counts of possessing a controlled class B drug (amphetamine sulphate) with intent to supply, which were reduced to three years; and a confiscation order made under the 1986 Act in the sum of £11,640.30 payable within 12 months with 12 months imprisonment consecutive in default, which was varied to £120, payable within 28 days or seven days imprisonment consecutive in default.

Miss Julia Dick, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for

the appellant; Mr John T. Sleight for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE STUART-WHITE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the judge was not justified in concluding that the appellant was anything more than a courier and there was no evidence that he was in possession of drugs on any other occasion. The sentence of four years would therefore be reduced to three.

It was inappropriate for the judge to have found that the value of the drugs could be considered as the proceeds of drug trafficking. The only evidence of payment was that of £120 which the appellant admitted he was paid for making the journey on the occasion when he was arrested. Accordingly, the judge should have assessed the benefit in that amount.

On the question of realisable assets, the judge accepted the figure for the appellant's realisable assets as £11,640.30 and made an order accordingly. That figure was essentially half the apparent equity in the appellant's home which he owned jointly with his cohabiter.

Their Lordships were of the view that a number of obvious difficulties arose where a court was

minded to make a confiscation order in relation to the equity in a matrimonial home. In the present case the appellant and his cohabiter were joint tenants rather than tenants in common. That joint tenancy appeared not to have been severed. In those circumstances the cohabiter had on the face of it an interest in the whole of the equity.

There was no indication that any steps were taken to inquire into the contribution of each party to ascertain the proportion of interest had the tenancy been severed. An estate agent had valued the property by looking at it from the street but the judge appeared to have taken no account of the costs that would necessarily have been incurred in selling the property nor whether in the circumstances it would have been possible to sell the property at all, bearing in mind the occupation by the family.

That was an indication of the kind of problems likely to be involved where a court was considering making a confiscation order in respect of the equity in a matrimonial home.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Leeds.

Watson v National Children's Home and Others

Before Judge Colyer, QC

[Judgment October 9]

Where a will imposed a condition on the donee of a gift but the circumstances at the death of the testator made it impossible for the condition to be fulfilled, the condition was spent and the gift could be taken absolutely.

Judge Colyer, QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court, so held on an originating summons issued in the Chancery Division by Ronald Owen Watson, the sole executor named in the will dated September 27, 1974 of Herbert Albert Chambers, deceased, the testator.

The respondents to the summons were the National Children's Home, the trustees of the National Children's Home and Peter William Brockett who represented the testator's next of kin.

Mr David Ainger for the executor; Mr Edward Cohen for the National Children's Home; Mr Michael Templeman for the National Children's Home; the next of kin took no part in the proceedings.

HIS LORDSHIP said that by clause 3 of his will the testator gave his estate "as to one half ... to the National Children's Home ... and

as to the remaining one half ... to the National Children's Home ... on the condition that the said League will look after my domestic pets in their kennels during the remainder of their natural lives but in the event of the said League not agreeing to such condition I bequeath such one half ... of the residue of my estate to the National Children's Home."

When the testator made his will in 1974 he had one dog, a doberman, and his dog passed away and when he died he had no other pet. His net estate was valued at some £120,500.

Mr Cohen said that as the National Children's Home could not fulfil the condition imposed by the testator it could not take the gift and he relied on *In re Brown's Will* (1881) 18 ChD 611. His Lordship, however, was against him for two alternative reasons.

The first was on a construction of the words used. They clearly meant that the League should care for any domestic pet I may have when I die; and that if there were none, the gift would pass absolutely. Any other interpretation would lead to a bizarre result.

He considered the League's main authority, *Dawson v Oliver-Mass* (1876) 2 ChD 733, in that case the testator left a fund to

trustees upon trust for X for life, and subject thereto to divide the fund equally among the daughters of the testator's sister, Y, on their attaining 21 "or marrying with the consent of their parents".

Y's husband died before the testator and Y's elder daughter married under 21 with the consent of her mother. The Court of Appeal held that the gift was dependent on the consent of the parents or parent if any; so that the gift to her was void.

Brown appeared superficially to limit the ratio of *Dawson* but his Lordship considered that a principle was deducible from the two cases: where words were used which imposed a condition on a donee taking a gift and at the death of the testator it had become impossible to fulfil the condition by reason of the impossibility of the condition, the condition was spent and the gift could be taken absolutely.

Those words were not to be construed too widely and without reference to the facts of a particular case in which the purpose of construction was always to collect the intention of the testator from the words used.

The second reason was that if he were wrong in the construction of

clause 3, that meant clause 3 was ambiguous when related to the circumstances at the death of the testator. The court was therefore entitled to employ section 21 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 to let in extrinsic evidence of intention to resolve any ambiguity.

There was in existence a handwritten note from the testator giving instructions to his solicitor that half his estate should be given to an animal welfare charity, with the proviso that any pets he might leave behind were to be properly cared for by it.

The executor had had no doubt that what the testator had intended was that if the testator had no pets at the date of his death, the League should still benefit. That half would only pass to the National Children's Home if the testator died leaving pets and the League for some reason refused to look after them.

Therefore, both by construing the will and by the section 21 route his Lordship without hesitation held that half the estate should go to the National Children's Home and the other half to the National Children's Home.

Solicitors: Gareth Woodfine & Partners, Bedford; Wedlake Saint, Drusis & Attles.

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VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on the works produced when Big Brother was watching; plus shows across the country

The power and the vainglory

Ever since the propaganda power of image-making became apparent, tyrants have tried to exploit and bully the artists whose talents they admire. Potentates had no qualms about using painters and sculptors to bolster their own glory, and some of the greatest works in art were the product of these shameless ambitions.

By the time the 20th century arrived, though, most artists were fighting free of such interference. So catastrophe was bound to follow when, in the 1930s, monstrous dictators began insisting that art should be a political tool.

This is the gruesome period explored in the Hayward Gallery's new *Art and Power* exhibition. Focusing on the odious trio of Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin, the survey reveals just how much damage they inflicted on the artists under their control.

The story begins in Paris, where a mammoth International Exhibition was staged in 1937. Supposedly dedicated to *Art and Technology in Modern Life*, the whole overblown event provided an ideal showcase for totalitarian governments to brag about their virility.

On one side of the Seine, the roof of the Italian pavilion boasted a giant equestrian sculpture by Giorgio Gori. Just as Mussolini would have wished, it uses the classical image of a naked hero on horseback to suggest that Italy had recovered the power of its imperial past.

But the most explosive encounter occurred across the river. Here, in an all-too-prophetic confrontation, the Soviet pavilion stared at its German counterpart. Vera Mukhina produced the titanic sculpture of the *Industrial Worker and the Collective Farm Girl*, both striding fiercely forward and brandishing the hammer and sickle like swords in the sky. They seem bent on challenging their German neighbour to fight, but the dour Prussian eagle surrounding the Nazi pavilion stares back implacably.

Whatever their ideological differences, all three sculptures announced that art should abandon experimental freedom and return to rigidly traditional styles. The modernism championed by the French, in nearby buildings where Léger and the Delaunays produced exuberant murals, was anathema to the dictators.



Joan Miró's anti-Fascist poster *Aidez l'Espagne* (1937)

Picasso typified everything they abhorred. Restlessly innovative, he seemed to them a reveller in irresponsible obscurity. So Spain's decision to commission a colossal painting from Picasso enraged his opponents. And by giving his masterpiece the title *Guernica*, Picasso hit out at Franco's bombing of the Basque town with German planes.

Too large to be lent to the

Picasso typified everything the dictators abhorred

Hayward. *Guernica* is represented here by a blown-up photograph of the painting in its original setting at the heart of the Spanish pavilion. Its impact was overwhelming. Even if visitors were unable to interpret the tangled symbolism of a picture dominated by an anguished horse, a contorted bull and a naked bull radiating splintered fragments of light, Picasso's involvement with suffering was passionately conveyed.

Imploring and grieving women play an eloquent role

in *Guernica*, and Madrid has lent his closely related 1937 painting of a mother deploring the death of her child. Its jagged, protesting contours transmit a stark condemnation of civilian slaughter.

Picasso's outspoken support for the Republican cause was echoed by Miró, who painted a monumental mural on the pavilion's staircase called *The Catalan Peasant in Revolt*. Now known only through photographs, it looks like an apocalyptic call-to-arms. The incensed peasant rises from the land towards a star-spattered sky, and sharp prongs project from his mouth as he utters a war cry.

In a similar mood, Miró also designed a poster called *Aidez l'Espagne*. Beneath its fist-clenching Catalan figure, the artist wrote that the Fascists were "spontaneous" unable to resist "the people, whose boundless creative will gives Spain an impetus which will astonish the world".

Despite the enormous morale-boosting value of the support provided by Miró and Picasso, the Republican cause crumbled. Within a couple of years Franco had won, and he ensured that Spain remained hostile to independent-minded artists for the next 35 years. Republican prisoners were coerced into building the grandiose *Monument to the Fallen*, initiated by Franco in 1940. Its repellent pomposity had much



The Italian (foreground), Russian and German pavilions glower at each other across the Seine in June, 1937

in common with the heavy Imperial style favoured by Mussolini. He expected painters to enter national competitions with themes as preposterous as "Listening to a speech by Il Duce on the radio".

Even so, Il Duce was not the cruellest dictator. At least he stopped short of persecuting all but a few of his artists, and tolerated the existence of abstraction. Stalin must have regarded him as inexcusably weak. In 1934 the Soviet Union terminated all hope for adventurous art with the founding of Socialist Realism. Andrei Zhdanov, Stalin's vehement cultural commissar, decreed that truly revolutionary artists should henceforth be "engineers of the human soul".

In other words, their work was expected to brainwash the USSR into believing that the entire nation rejoiced in blissful productivity. Approved art became unbe-

lievably saccharine. Apple-cheeked workers in the fields were as vigorous as the sinewy athletes parading through sunlit city squares. As for Stalin's portraits, they presented him in the most sage and benevolent guise.

But the Hayward show does not let us forget that the real Stalin grew ever more savage, staging show trials and murderous purges in order to obliterate all trace of heretical abstraction.

If the projected Palace of the Soviets had been erected, Moscow would have been dominated by the tallest building in the world. Although indebted to Art Deco, this overbearing exercise in blatant triumphalism was dressed up in classical quotations. It lacks the icy refinement of the designs prepared by Hitler's pet architect, Albert Speer. Having proved his showman-

ship in the dazzling geometrical beams of the "light architecture" shown into the night sky above the 1936 Olympic Stadium, Speer laboured on a scheme for a colossal domed hall in central Berlin. It would have provided Hitler with the ideal megalomaniac backdrop for his crisply choreographed parades.

The Führer himself looks irritatingly smug in his 1937 portrait by Heinrich Knirr. This was the year when he staged the infamous *Degenerate Art* exhibition, reviling painters as pre-eminent as Beckmann, Kokoschka and Klee. The banned artists fled, leaving Hitler to lavish his warped largesse on the hacks who served up Aryan idylls of the Master Race. The aptly named Arthur Kampf produced a famous *Venus and Adonis*, where a blonde, muscular hausfrau grabs her lover's pumped-up torso. Instead of welcoming her advances,

the homoerotic hero turns yearningly in the direction of a wild-eyed horse. The result is risible, but the Nazis' utter lack of humour would have ensured that they failed to see its inherent silliness.

There was nothing remotely funny about Hitler's systematic suppression of the finest German artists. The suffering caused by Nazi censorship must never be underestimated. But it failed, ultimately, to crush all the victims of his perverted campaigns. Kokoschka's *Self-Portrait as a Degenerate Artist* is stiffened by an obstinate refusal to let his enemies win. Exiled and isolated, he stares out from the canvas with a resilience backed up by his turbulent brushstrokes. Here is a painter who, however hounded he may feel, resists adversity to the end.

Art and Power, Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London, SE1 (0171-261 0122) until Jan 21

SOUTHAMPTON City Art Gallery has adventurously commissioned new work by six painters for its current exhibition. Interesting juxtapositions and useful comparisons are made possible by the decision to hang work by two artists in each of the modestly scaled galleries. Despite apparent visual similarities between the uniformly abstract paintings, a range of abilities and attitudes does emerge.

Ian Davenport paints fine stripes, bright against dark. The use of colour is sophisticated; the effect luxurious and confident. These hang opposite all-over single colour paintings by Glen Crosby — orange, chrome, dead ochre, mauve violet. While Davenport's pictures are immediate, Crosby's take almost as long to gain our attention as they took to make. Written notes — the date of the work and other jottings — are left down the side of the stretcher, probably to tell the viewer, and to remind the artist, that these works represent the culmination of a process.

Next door, Todie Begg's thin, translucent works suggest more lyrical roots, evoking both a fine, misty infinity and the melting, baking and firing of glazed ceramic surfaces. Opposite, Zeburde Jones's emphatic paintings look as if they are slices or sections of actual matter. Although Jones regards his work as being about the process of its own production, the imagery still suggests the damp, opaque depths of the sea.

In the next room two young painters seem to tug it out in silence. Jason Martini's work consists of a one-shot action — a sweep, or curve through a single layer of magnolia-yellow paint. Opposite him Peter Davis allows unexpected references to domesticity to creep in. Davis produces finely detailed work over a series of large canvases. A painstakingly applied pattern of blue spots and white lines, recalling the material covering seats in railway carriages or the surfaces of kitchen worktops, toys with the patience of both viewer and artist.

Southampton City Art Gallery, North Guild Southampton, (01703 632601) to November 12

□ The main gallery at Camden Arts Centre is currently hung with a series of large colour photographs placed beside bold texts on brightly coloured grounds.

Criticism of these recent text and photographic pieces by the Canadian artist Ken Lum has usually centred on their simplicity or apparent naïveté. Lum poses people in "normal" situations, paying a great deal of attention to detail, and then photographs the scene. A woman, in obvious distress, hangs on to a telephone in a street booth; another waits for her child in a supermarket carpark; an adolescent girl is reassured that she is not ugly by a prettier girlfriend; and a semi-naked stripper stares at herself in the mirror and wonders what on earth she is doing.

By applying repetitious speech or thought in bright bold letters to one side of the picture Lum aims to tap into a sort of shared mantra of worry and preoccupation, in an attempt to show that art can still recognise a common condition. Although this work deals with the familiar, it achieves a timelessness that transcends the hasty narratives of television soap operas.

Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (0171 435 2643) until November 26

SACHA CRADDOCK

Brief scenes from a continental picture

Charlotte Mullins reports on a show that introduces four leading women sculptors to this country

Stretching across the diagonal length of the first of three white galleries, the Danish artist Kirsten Ortwed's floor-hugging sculpture *Random Walk* introduces the viewer to *Gravity's Angel*. This is a group show by four European artists who have yet to gain major recognition in this country, although their work has been widely exhibited elsewhere.

But even though this exhibition, curated by Penelope Curtis, provides the first real opportunity for Britain to discover Ortwed's work and that of the Belgian Lili Dujourie, the German Asta Gröting, and the Spaniard Cristina Iglesias, each artist is represented by only two works, with the largest space holding only *Random Walk*.

This is a series of ten bronze moulds, folded and distorted with smooth expanses contrasting the pitted and finger-punched undersides of each lump. At first ugly and verging on abject, the work quickly establishes a kind of dialogue with the viewer through the intricacy of surface and through each piece's relation to its neighbour, the rest of the

pieces and the gallery space. The moulds were formed by Ortwed lifting as much coarse clay as she could onto a forklift truck, then hurling the clay at the ground.

The floor, and the gravity that pulled the clay towards it, are important aspects of Ortwed's current work. In the case of *Random Walk* actually contributing to the final shape of the sculptures. In this way her work can be seen to fit the title of the show, which sets up a dichotomy between weight, substance, reality and the insubstantiality of our image of angels.

Cristina Iglesias's *Sin Titulo* (1993) consists of five iron and alabaster constructions that jut from the upper regions of the gallery wall. Despite the density associated with these materials, the alabaster has been cut into sheer strips, held in place by iron grid structures that seem to fly upwards in a series of overlapping planes. The veined alabaster is thin enough for the top lighting of the lofty gallery to shine through and give the stone a transcendental luminosity. Given the church-like space, and the huge opaque



Kirsten Ortwed used a forklift to make *Random Walk*

glass doors that rise the whole height of one wall, a religious reading of the "wings" is immediate, but Iglesias is adamant that this is not intended: the work is about the materials, the qualities inherent to alabaster.

The title of the exhibition, however, raises the religious

aspect once again. In this way the title becomes problematic, something that the catalogue intensifies by trying to relate each piece to it.

Gröting is a sculptor who has recently taken to filming her performance pieces for gallery presentation, while Dujourie's two elongated

black-legged boxes stand facing each other in the small exhibition room, away from the main galleries. They invite the viewer to look inside at their contents, which are presented at eye level. A white cloth rests towards the back of the box, softly folded, but slowly the viewer becomes aware that the drapes are in fact made of fragile white plaster. Suddenly the box becomes a protector, designed to ward off assassins.

It is a shame that the exhibition contains so few works: it makes it difficult to form a clear view of each artist's visual vocabulary. In the case of Ortwed, for instance, who asserts that she has no distinctive style but works in a variety of media from a series of ideas, the show is like a trailer to a full-length feature that will not be shown in this country.

Visually, however, the exhibition is appealing, and allows the viewer to think without distractions. The setting plays an active role in the presentation of each piece, and in our reactions to them. In any case, being left hungry to see a wider selection of the artists' work is perhaps more rewarding than the visual and mental saturation that can result from a glut of unfamiliar work.

Gravity's Angel, at the Henry Moore Institute, 24 The Headrow, Leeds (0113-234 3158) until Dec 30

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Silent voices of another country

Geoff Brown picks a few gems from the embarrassment of riches provided by this year's Pordenone silent film festival

This has been the year when silent non-fiction cinema has been ignored for decades by historians, dismissed as the slapstick comedies, outside spectacles and intimate dramas of cinema's youth, actually films of every shape and size are now popping out to amaze and entertain at every special festival. *The Life of a Racing Pigeon*, X-rays of frogs' legs, *The Manufacture of Walking Sticks*, epileptic seizures, pretty Venetian views: these heavy eyes have seen them all at the 14th Giornate del Cinema Muto, the silent film festival held annually at Pordenone in Italy.

As this was the festival that almost died from lack of money we should not complain too harshly about this year's sprawling edition. And there were some feature films to sink our teeth into: silent films from China; a retrospective of Henry King, the American director best known for weathering the 'decades' at 20th Century Fox; a decadent delight from Julien Duvivier, *L'Homme à l'Hispano*; major classics such as *The Man with the Movie Camera* and *The Gold Rush*.

The festival organisers piled on the agony

Both these titles were given the live orchestra treatment. Only three players accompanied Dziga Vertov's dizzy celebration of cinema montage and the new Russia, but they kicked up enough ruckus to fill a stadium. Among other instruments, the Alloy Orchestra of Boston, came armed with metal springs and a fire extinguisher. They also came with the musical scenario devised by Vertov for the film's premiere in 1929. Vertov's instructions specify aural effects — a ticking clock, a howling storm, an "unbelievable din" — but leave the choice of notes to the musicians. The group followed Vertov's outline, although the sounds were mostly the Alloy's patented brand of loud, driving rhythms.

For *The Man with the Movie Camera* the audience quivered with a sense of excitement and adventure. Chaplin films, by contrast, rarely provoke such feelings today: a notable feature of the *Gold Rush* screening was the muted response to Charlie's dance with the bread rolls, long regarded as a comic highlight. The fault certainly did not lie with the print. Working from motley sources, the Photoplay team of Kevin Brownlow, David Gill and Patrick Stanbury managed an impressive reconstruction of the 1924 original (most available prints of this Klondike comedy-drama use Chaplin's version of 1942, which shortened scenes and added a commentary). Nor did the music jar: Carl Davis's adaptation of Chaplin's 1942 score was entirely supportive.

If the finger points anywhere, it must point at Chaplin himself. The bread roll dance is no organic gag



The American director Henry King, subject of a Pordenone retrospective, on the set of *Romola* in 1925

sequence. It is a show-off stunt; one more indulgence by an enormously gifted star who cannot stop preening before his camera.

Chaplin may have won few extras fans with *The Gold Rush*, but other film talents during the week raised their profile considerably. Two beautiful actresses, Li Lili and Ruan Lingyun, fought a valiant battle against poor-quality prints in a valuable cross-section of Chinese cinema. The films did not suggest a silent cinema as vibrant as Japan's, but it was hard not to warm to the

fragrant melodrama of *Daybreak*, or the high spirits of a college movie like *Queen of Sport*.

We also widened our acquaintance with King, a lanky Virginian who began in films as a pleasant actor and grew, in the 1920s, into a leading director, at his best with rural life and the wide open spaces. Suitable material did not arrive every day: in *Romola*, filmed in Italy and based on George Eliot's novel, he got bogged down by lavish sets and a star with a halo, Lillian Gish. But *To Pave David* remains a stark and beautiful

masterpiece; while *The Winning of Barbara Worth*, Gary Cooper's first notable film, successfully balances spectacle with intimacy in a story of love, greed and desert irrigation.

The festival's most delightful discovery, however, was *Als ich im war*, made in 1915 by the master of continental comedy, Ernst Lubitsch, and discovered last year in Slovenia. Non-fiction treasures are one thing; but when this 23-year-old capers about as a bon vivant who becomes a servant in his own house, X-rays of frogs' legs begin to look very purty.

Minus marks in a beautiful score

OPERA

Euryanthe Theatre Royal, Brighton

NEW Sussex Opera has gained a reputation for high-calibre productions of works that regional opera companies would normally consider beyond them. *Peter Grimes*, *Benvenuto Cellini* and *Weill's Lost in the Stars* are among its successes, and its 1990 *Tannhäuser* ranks among the most stimulated Wagner I have seen.

This year, ever-adventurous New Sussex has tackled Weber's *Euryanthe*, a masterpiece of a score, notoriously crippled by an unsatisfactory libretto (sung here in the English translation by the Weber scholar John Warrack). Like *Lohengrin* (which it influenced), *Euryanthe* features a virtuous pair (Adolar and Euryanthe) and a villainous pair (Lysiart and Eglantine), who plot their downfall. Euryanthe, innocent and trusting, confides to Eglantine a secret about Adolar's dead sister and finds herself accused of infidelity.

Unfortunately, George Roman's production (designed by Colin Winslow) never looked like making a persuasive case for the drama, and will have done little to advance the cause of one of the most unjustly neglected scores in all opera. Roman's unimaginative

conception (a play within a play that served no discernible purpose) and inept handling of characters never gave the team a chance.

But in truth, little of the solo singing did real justice to the richness of Weber's vocal lines. Michael Pearce's Lysiart alone exuded baleful confidence and stylistic assurance. Fiona Firth-Spiller as Euryanthe and Teria Seton-Green as Eglantine each had a brave shot at her role; over the two remaining leads, it would be kinder to draw a veil.

There was some sturdy singing from the NSO Chorus. In the pit, Lionel Friend kept things on the move. The mastery of quality of Weber's orchestration was frequently glimpsed, and only a recalcitrant volume control blew the gaffe on the flawless off-stage horn calls.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Short and sharp

NEW MUSIC

BCM/G/Howarth Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham

OF ALL the ten scores commissioned under the Sound Investment scheme, none represents better value than Philip Cashian's *Chamber Concerto*. Lasting about 15 minutes, it is constructed in as many different sections, each one clearly intended to be an experience in itself, however short. It is not always clear, since there is scarcely any transition, why one section follows another, but every new idea is so arresting that there is no time to think about the wider structural implications.

The first performance of the *Concerto*, given by the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, was clearly not without its problems. One section, featuring mainly woodwind, is so packed with conflicting sounds that the oboist carrying the main melodic interest had to come to the front of the platform just to be heard. But the energy of the concept carried it through such technically dubious areas and, as a penultimate section not unjustly marked "scintillating" finally congealed into one marked "frozen", the portions seemed to fall into place.

Berg's *Chamber Concerto* is a formidable challenge to all concerned, and, although the solo parts were idiomatically played by the violinist Lyn Fletcher and the pianist Malcolm Wilson, an undercharacterised interpretation made things easier for no one. The most persuasive performance of the evening was of Poul Ruders's *Four Dances in One Movement*, the engagingly coloured and provocatively motivated score written for the London Sinfonietta ten years ago. The most authoritative was the unerringly timed unfolding of the imaginary landscape in Harrison Birtwistle's *Silbury Air*.

GERALD LARNER

POP AND JAZZ: Passion from Mike Scott; Squeeze hold their own; John McLaughlin and Joe Zawinul connect

Simply a man of the music

Mike Scott Empire, W12

The warm-hearted spirituality of Mike Scott's debut solo album, *Bring 'Em All In*, has been greeted with childish hoots of derision by the young tastemakers of the Britpop generation. But after six studio albums recorded over twice as many years at the helm of the Waterboys, the 36-year-old singer has nurtured a talent and reputation that is, thankfully, beyond the long arm of the fashion police.

Not that he has given up trying. "Gonna chase Oasis right to the top of the charts/Might take me a while but I'm gonna break those boys' hearts," he sang, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye during the furiously energetic *Working on My Karma*.

Having literally gone solo, Scott shouldered the entire burden of this two-hour concert. The "special guests" advertised on the tickets never materialised, unless you counted his assistant, Buffy, who conscientiously supplied Scott with a freshly tuned and cooped acoustic guitar before nearly every number.

Dressed unfussily in a black shirt and trousers, his face framed by thick brown hair, Scott combined the firm attack and occasional flamboyant pose of a rock star with the rapport of a folk singer. Born in Scotland and besotted, in later life, by Ireland, he sang many of his marvellous, often brief tunes in a soft brogue of strangely indeterminate Celtic origin.

Songs such as *Edinburgh Castle*, *City of Ghosts* (Dublin) and *Glastonbury Song* traced the path of his life geographically, but the key to



Mike Scott: Celtic passion, flamboyant rock and easy folk

Want Me To Do? and plugged in an electric guitar for the contrasting over-the-top encore of *Medicine Bow*.

But it was a triptych of straightforward love songs — *I Know She's in the Building*, *She is So Beautiful* and *Trum-*

pets — that marked the high point of the evening, sung with a simple, aching passion they captured the essence of a man with more than enough music to go round.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Dead cool for cats

Squeeze Albert Hall

When Squeeze first poked their noses around the corner of the charts, it was de rigueur to describe their songwriters Chris Difford and Glenn Tilbrook as the new Lennon and McCartney. Such comparisons may not have endured, but the duo's partnership and ability to assemble a superior pop record have.

Indeed, as Tilbrook introduced his "mate for the past 22 years", one mused that the alliance has lasted far longer than that of the other Fab Two, and that while Squeeze's achievements have been far more parochial, they remain the best this country has when it comes to furthering the threatened trade of producing an arresting lyric and long-lasting melody.

Squeeze could hold classes

for the Britpop pretenders, even if Difford and Tilbrook are old enough to play dad to some of them. They also know that mere coolness is a vacuum: better to strive for a tune that works like a magnet and a lyric that lays bare something real, even something vulnerable.

So it remains in their new material. In other hands, a song about a seaside romance such as *This Summer* would have had as much guile as an old episode of *Summer Time Special*. An affectionate and autobiographical trawl through a happy childhood, as in *Electric Trains*, would be something to hide under the bed with your old pinups and your first 45s.

But Squeeze remain a pop group and proud of it, at ease with their past and able, as ever on this closing night of another huge UK tour, to produce fresh and fragrant versions of the songs that have made them an English treasure. So, it was straight into *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Pulling Mussels* (from the Shell, with the set pieces *Cool for Cats* and *Up the Junction* perfectly integrated with less appreciated, more recent jewels such as *Some Fantastic Place* and *Third Rail*.

The new album, *Ridiculous*, released in two weeks, was previewed in some detail, and from it *Heaven Knows* and *Walk Away* helped Squeeze continue to debunk the miserabilist theory that says all the good songs have been taken.

CHRIS PARKER

PAUL SEXTON

Divergent paths eventually fuse

John McLaughlin/Joe Zawinul Festival Hall

McLaughlin has shown signs of wishing to present his music in a more accessible format. To this end, his current band, Free Spirits, featuring powerhouse Hammond organist Joey DeFrancesco and fusion drummer supreme Dennis Chambers, dispenses a beguiling mix of swiftness, moving originals, jazz standards intelligently arranged, and the odd blues, although traces of the various stages at which McLaughlin passed in his journey from Davis sideman to internationally respected bandleader remain.

Like his early Mahavishnu Orchestra work, Free Spirits' music features tricky time signatures and blistering runs played as fast as is compatible with tastefulness — its virtuosity largely serves, rather than is allowed to overpower, its improvisatory spirit.

The restrained lyricism and spiritual questing which characterised his mid-1970s acoustic group Shakti is also discernible in the current trio's sound, although at times — particularly during a delightfully subtle version of Carla Bley's *Sing Me Softly of the Blues* — the band came dangerously close to enjoying itself, pure and simple.

Zawinul, by contrast, has never had any accessibility problems, and his sparky young band zipped effortlessly back and forth between churning funk generously leavened with percussion, space atmospherics garnished with muzzin-call vocal effects, and bubbling, punchy African rhythms that could have escaped from a Salfi Keita album.

This was densely layered, multi-textured music held together by Zawinul's extraordinary range of keyboard sounds and driven by the wonderfully chunky drumming of Pato Sery. Its only drawback was its relative inaccessibility to incisive improvisation, all the more regrettable because guitarist Fareed Haque shone on the few occasions he was allowed the space to do so.

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David Pountney's *Fairy Queen* staging continues to dazzle eye and ear

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... while Jude Kelly directs a new play by Woye Soyinka

VENUE: Opening tonight, West Yorkshire Playhouse

THE TIMES ARTS

THEATRE 1

A surreal view of feudal Spain, brought to the stage in *Silverface* at the Gate

THEATRE 2

The blithe spirit of Noel Coward lives on in *A Talent to Amuse* at Chichester

LONDON

THE CABINET OF DOCTOR CALIGARI Opening night for a stage version of the German silent classic, presented at Nottingham last month. Good sets, unearthly music, pointless dancing but a haunting performance by John Ramm as Matthew Kelly's sleepwalking killer. Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 0JH (0181 541 2311). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Mat Sat, 2.30pm. £5.

DAVID POUNTNEY'S FAIRY QUEEN The great Welsh soprano sings a fine season of local music at the Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (011 493 2141). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm. £5.

THE FAIRY QUEEN David Pountney's essay new production of the English National Opera of Purcell's theatre piece has attracted as many as a fine season - it is funny, sexy, romantic, and above all, theatrical, and as such a worthy contemporary tribute to a great

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM Opening night for James Purdy and Rake Ayala as Marcell and Milgram, with Linda Spenser as Lady Westcott, in *Salazar's* production of *The Way of the World*. William Congreve's delightful comedy, adapted for nearly 200 years for its brilliant wordplay. Repertory, Centenary Square (0121 235 4450). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Mat Sat, 2.30pm. Nov 4, 11, 18, 25. £10.

Also in Birmingham Welsh National Opera offer a week of its centenary season. Choose from the ever-popular *Macbeth*, Verdi's *Nabucco* and Mozart's monumental *Don Giovanni*. Hippodrome, Hurst Street (0121 622 7468). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm. £10.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ Home full, return only ■ Seats at all prices

■ AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen

Doddy's powerful production, with

Nicholas Woodson as the all-knowing

Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan

Engel as the pillars of society.

Geoffrey, Charing Cross Road, WC2

(0171-434 5005). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat,

11pm. Mat Sat, 2.30pm. Sat, 5pm.

■ JOLSON: The story of the first man

in space movies, with Sean Connery

in the lead and a sequence of songs from

the Johnson repertoire. High energy,

polished but patchy, with Sally Ann

Trickett as Ruby Rogers.

Westside Palace, Victoria Street, SW1

(0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

Mat Sat, 2.30pm. Sat, 5pm. £10.

■ MACK AND MARBLE: The Jerry

Heenan musical set in early Hollywood

when the colours of Mack Sennett and

Marcel Normand unfold and clash. Fine

songs, though a lousier book.

Paul Kershaw directs Howard McGillin

and Caroline O'Sullivan in the leads.

Playhouse, Charing Cross Road, W1

(0171-289 1734). Now previewing, 7.45pm.

Mat Sat, 2.30pm. Sat, 5pm. Nov 7.

■ A MIDWINTER NIGHT'S

DREAM: Aaron Nickles's richly beautiful

production of the outstanding cast

includes Alan Jenkins, Lindsay

Duncan, Deborah Kerr, Barry Lynch

and SA. Swan. Lyric, King Street, W6

(0181 541 2311). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm.

Mat Sat, 2.30pm. Sat, 5pm. £10.

■ THREE TALL WOMEN: The

story of three women who find love

and friendship in the most unlikely

of places. Directed by Peter Wood.

Lyric, King Street, W6 (0181 541 2311).

Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm. Mat Sat, 2.30pm.

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Ardiles struggling to generate Mexican wave

WHILE Juninho at last joins the Middlebrough jet-setters, the Latin American he would most like to emulate, Osvaldo Ardiles, appears to be getting lost down Mexico way.

There are similarities between Juninho, from Brazil, and Ardiles, from Argentina. Both are diminutive, figures whose talent and technique can outwit Englishmen. Ardiles became part of English football culture on the field, but was dismissed as manager of Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur because, with his romantic ideals, he placed far too much emphasis on attack.

Before he left these shores in the summer, Ardiles sensibly maintained his family home in north Hertfordshire. Perhaps something inside him told him that, by taking on Guadalajara, he was attempting to defend the indefensible.

His new club goes into the field with the inbuilt handicap of recruiting players only from their native Mexico, attempting to compete with teams that import as many as five foreigners. Ardiles was well aware of the situation when he accepted the job and must have known from the recent hard times of the club that he might soon be transformed from Messiah to vilified, sacked manager.

Last weekend his team lost to Atletico Morelia, a club that had already dismissed its manager this season: the week before, Guadalajara succumbed to the league leaders, America, and with only one win from seven games, Ardiles's side is predictably bottom of its group.

As in so many other footballing backwaters, pride in nationality cannot sustain teams in Mexico. Three



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

managers lost their jobs in the opening weeks of the frenzied season and clubs hiring foreigners, such as Emilio Butragueno, the Spaniard, and Tita, the Brazilian, fare better than those attempting the apparently impossible.

Meanwhile, the fury of Brazilian kicking football continues apace. Sao Paulo's game against Cruzeiro was abandoned after an hour when Cruzeiro, having had four players sent off and with another claiming injury, had insufficient numbers to complete the match. Also in Brazil, Edmundo, the volatile striker

whom Kevin Keegan denies is a potential £3 million import to St James's Park, is again in trouble. He was photographed making an obscene gesture to the crowd. Flamengo, his club, drew 1-1 with Vasco da Gama, neither Edmundo nor Romario scored, and both are well behind Tuto, the young Botafogo forward, who leads the Brazilian league scorers.

Violent play overshadows the goals so regularly in Brazil that, however cruel the opponents, however harsh the northerly wind blows, Juninho may feel he is in

clover in the North East. Last Saturday, for example, Dinho, the Grêmio midfielder player, was sent off for the fourth time this season. He was one of three Grêmio players not to finish the match.

It is a pity, also, that a sea of calm by comparison. The pressure in Milan on Sunday night, before the derby, was reportedly all on Roy Hodgson, Internazionale's new English coach, and Paul Ince, who, in his seventh match, had yet to win friends and admirers in the San Siro.

"Mr Roy" as *Gazzetta dello Sport* calls Hodgson, "is so English he almost parodies himself. But the quality of the team remains that which we know - the English spirit of Mr Roy roamed the pitch, binding the team in a sort of iron grip. Ince had the merit of turning a derby that looked awesomely unbalanced into an entertaining and intensive fight match."

World Cup's appeal fades under clouds on horizon

Christopher Irvine reflects on a struggle ahead after the auspicious event that celebrated a century of rugby league

NOW that the Kangaroos have held court, a court in Sydney will shape the future of international rugby league as it enters a period of limbo after a highly auspicious World Cup. Timing was never a particular strength of the game. How little the hiatus lasts depends on the two sides of the argument raging in Australia.

The posturings of the Australian Rugby League (ARL) and the breakaway Super League are on the lines that there is no question of either of them losing the battle for control of the game. Australia is the cog that drives the global machinery. This is now lock and stock in Super League hands, but without the Australian barrel, it is fairly pointless.

Compromise appears a long way off. Without it, a sport that has seen its way forward through international competition the past month could stay stuck on the launch pad. Development is on hold while the Sydney lawyers fight up on legal fees and the game in Australia becomes divided to the point where the riddle ground for reconciliation no longer exists.

The Super League is committed to separate launches of European and Australasian competitions next March. These are supposed to come together in transglobal play-offs next September. Details of the £87 million Anglo-French arm will be announced next Monday, with the new Paris club to be based at the Charley stadium to the south of the city.

Not that the Super League in the southern hemisphere is guaranteed by the courts to start on time. If not, Great Britain's visiting series against the Super League Australia side next October would be in jeopardy. The ARL is bullish after Australia's World Cup victory, but as the Super League chips away at its establishment block, the ARL clubs and players are declining.

In Britain, the Super League is the only way ahead for what was a bankrupt sport. Further down the road, Newcastle, by 1997, could repeat the supposedly one-off strategy this evening, again paying Auxerre the respect they merit. With Roy Evans, though, it gives Forest the extra dimension they will need if they are entertaining serious thoughts of extending rather than defending their slender lead.

Roy played a full and often vibrant part in the 1-1 draw against Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Saturday. It increased Forest's unbeaten sequence in the FA Cup Premiership to 24 matches and provided a useful warm-up for the more awkward hurdle tonight.

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and Cardiff and Dublin must be developed as more than occasional parts of call by rugby league. The success of London and Paris are important, but it is at the game's heartland that one of the biggest problems exists. If not matched - and there is little likelihood of it occurring in the next two years - Wigan will go on bleeding the domestic game of relevant competition. It has become too easy for them to be obvious in England's defeat by Australia on Saturday, when Wigan players used to competitive rugby being confined to the first half were caught out by the intensity over 80 minutes.

A first century of rugby league was fittingly celebrated by a World Cup that defied predictions of small crowds - 265,000 attended the 15 matches - and poor organisation, in spite of inadequate ticketing arrangements and poor television exposure by the BBC. At £450,000, the rights were a

snip, which perhaps explains why most of the group games ended up on the cutting-room floor.

There has possibly been no more exciting international rugby than New Zealand's last-gasp defeat of Tonga and none quite as uncompromising as when Samoa battered Western Samoa into submission.

The South Seas contribution was thrilling, colourful and full of promise for a potentially rich future. In winning the emerging nations competition, the Cook Islands came of age, and other newcomers, including Scotland and Ireland, might find themselves included in the 1997 World Cup, again planned for this country.

As well as new horizons, the two tournaments introduced an array of fresh talent: Kris Radlinski (England) and Iestyn Harris (Wales), teenagers who walked tall on the international stage; Adrian Lam (Papua New Guinea) and Ali Davies (Cook Islands), two beguiling scrum halves; and Andrew Johns (Australia) the half back who was a revelation as a hooker. Only in rugby league could such a thing happen.

Davies offer rejected

CARDIFF rugby union club have had a doubling of their £30,000 offer for Jonathan Davies rejected by Warrington, even though the signs are that the player's rugby league career is at an end (Christopher Irvine writes).

The transfer deadline for the Heineken League expires tonight, although it is possible the Welsh Rugby Union could make Davies a special case. However, if this does not happen, Gareth Davies, Cardiff's chief executive, said: "Warrington may find themselves stuck

with having to pay the wages of a player who doesn't really have his heart in the club any more."

Wigan, the holders, received a comfortable home tie with Whitehaven in the second round of the Regal Trophy. St Helens face an awkward trip to Keighley. REGAL TROPHY Second-round draw: Wigan v Whitehaven, Doncaster v Barrow, Hull v St Helens, Whitehaven v Keighley, Whitehaven v Featherston, London v Wigan, Wigan v Warrington, Wigan v Warrington, Hull KR v Rochdale, Ebbw Vale v Warrington, Ebbw Vale v Warrington, Ebbw Vale v Warrington. (Times to be played on November 11 or 12.)

Wilkinson inclined to believe in miracles

By DAVID MILLER

THERE have been few reversals in European competition as extreme as that now required by Leeds United in the UEFA Cup second round, second leg against PSV Eindhoven in Holland tonight. Their captain, Gary McAllister, said yesterday that they need a miracle, "and that's putting it mildly". The capitulation of PSV that might allow this is unlikely.

In the last decade, only once in any competition have PSV suffered a defeat by a three-goal margin at home, and that was against Ajax last season, when they lost 4-1 in the league.

Leading 5-3 from the first leg at Eindhoven Road, where they wrecked the Leeds defence, PSV will now have Ronaldo, their Brazilian leading scorer, back in attack. Absent from the first leg with a knee injury, Ronaldo was substitute in the

4-1 against Cologne and Metz respectively after winning away, while Inter were beaten 2-0 and 3-1 at home by Anderlecht and Bayern Munich respectively after away victories.

So a determined Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, last night refused to concede elimination. "I believe we can do it," he said, "because we've scored three goals before, with Monaco the prime example recently. At Eindhoven Road, our defeat was littered with mistakes and we were punished for every one of them."

Wilkinson accepted that few gave them a chance, and added: "I've already been asked by two Dutch television crews why we have bothered to turn up for a game that's already lost. Our players are also aware that they were described over here as third-rate after the first leg, and they know the best way to silence that gibe tomorrow."

Leeds will be without Dorigo at left back, left behind with a hamstring injury that kept him out of the match against Coventry City on Saturday, when he was replaced by Pemberton. With Jobson ineligible, Pemberton will now switch to centre back, with Beesley or Bowman the replacement.

A worrying factor for Leeds is that Yeboah has now gone six games without scoring and he is fully aware of the responsibility that rests with him if Leeds are to stage a revival. "You need some luck in scoring and that's deserted me," Yeboah said yesterday. "I know I'm still a good player and tomorrow I mustn't let the situation affect me. I must stay calm, not snatch at things, and hope the goals will come again."

McAllister stressed that Leeds will be obliged to bombard the opposition from the start, though that might well prove disastrous. PSV's counter-attacking skills have already been simply demonstrated, and 1 shall be surprised if tonight they do not produce a second victory for the Dutch, even though they will be without the injured Jan Wouters in midfield.

One was experienced by Leeds themselves, with Bremner, Giles and the rest, back in 1971. Two up in Leeds, they lost the return to the Belgians 4-0. Similar misfortunes have overtaken Barcelona and Internazionale in the past. Barcelona lost 4-0 and

both Bayern Munich goals in their 2-0 first-leg victory, is unlikely to be fit to face Raith Rovers in the second leg of their UEFA Cup second-round tie in Germany tonight. Ian McMillan and Mark Buis, the teenagers who made their league debuts on Saturday, are in the Raith squad.



Yeboah is hoping to regain his scoring touch against PSV Eindhoven tonight

Clark considers his options

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

BY FRIDAY morning, England's original six-club challenge in Europe could have diminished by at least two-thirds. Manchester United have long gone while Leeds United, Everton and Blackburn Rovers may well be about to follow them. That will leave, probably, only Liverpool and Nottingham Forest to fly the flag.

Forest are better placed than Liverpool, at 1-0 ahead against Auxerre, after the first leg of their UEFA Cup second-round tie. But the doubts remain. At the City Ground tonight, Frank Clark, the Forest manager, faces a perplexing choice.

Should he stick with the 4-5-1 formation that proved so successful in France, albeit with the aid of four goal-line clearances? It meant a surprise sentence for Bryan Roy, the elusive Dutchman, to the

substitutes' bench. Or should Clark revert to type and boldly go in search of an early goal that could seal the tie? In doing so, it would leave room for Auxerre to claw back the deficit. It is a tough decision and one that Clark will not disclose until shortly before kick-off.

"It's more a psychological problem," he said. "We're 1-0 up and yet know that 0-0 will be good enough for us to go through. We have to be positive, we have to go out to try to win the game."

Clark made similarly encouraging noises before the first leg and yet, come the game, he opted for a safety-first route, dropping Roy, bringing Alf Inge Haaland into the middle and asking Jason Lee to rove alone up front. It worked, if somewhat fortuitously.

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Hendry gains psychological edge

By PHIL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY has repelled numerous attacks on his supremacy in snooker and, by beating John Higgins 9-5 in the final of the Skoda Grand Prix at Sunderland on Sunday night, the world champion gained a psychological edge over his closest pursuer in the provisional rankings.

Yet it would be foolish to assume that Higgins, winner of the grand prix, International Open and British Open last

season, will enter their next encounter handicapped by an inferiority complex. In January, Higgins, 20, was outmanoeuvred by Steve Davis on the way to a 9-3 defeat in the final of the Regal Welsh Open. Three weeks later, veteran and newcomer renewed their rivalry in the climax to the International Open and Higgins prevailed 9-5.

Similarly, Higgins was trounced 9-3 by Ronnie O'Sullivan in the Benson and Hedges Masters final in February, but scored a 9-6 victory over the circuit's most talented, if erratic, teenager at the corresponding stage of the British Open in April.

Such a sequence suggests that Higgins needs to observe closely high-profile opponents on an important occasion before he can convince himself they are beatable.

Throughout the grand prix final, the first time they had met in competition, Higgins was shackled by the reputation of the world champion for ruthlessly exploiting mistakes. "It was bad," Higgins said. "I can guarantee that the next time I play Stephen I will perform better. I might lose, but I can't imagine playing worse than I did today."

Higgins will not need to wait long before this theory is put to the test. He has drawn Hendry in the first round of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge in January and the Masters at Wembley the following month.

While Hendry admitted that the eagerly-anticipated contest had been something of an

anti-climax, he was clearly delighted to capture the 56th title of his career, collect a £60,000 first prize and maintain his excellent start to the 1995-96 campaign.

One of Hendry's ambitions is to overtake Steve Davis as the player with the most titles to his credit in the modern era. He is 14 short of his rival's total of 70.

RESULT: Frank S. Hendry (Snk) 11-9 John Higgins (Snk) 9-5. Frame scores: Hendry 100-0, 69-10, 55-72, 55-20, 55-75, 54-71, 100-0, 117-0.



Hendry: chasing record

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Facing the truth has always taken courage

Television may not be the home of the exclusively beautiful but it is prone to welcome those whose countenance is at least unoffensive. Newsreaders and sports presenters, quiz contestants and political pundits, all must dread the encroachment of some disfigurement as much as do actors.

Life, however, is not television and from time to time life happens even to actors. Some last night's most upstanding newsmen, when Paul Eddington had the hair-raising shock of close up for *Face to Face* (BBC2) and the BBC had the courage thus to film him.

Eddington, an outstanding actor brought to national fame in *The Good Life*, *Yes Minister* and *Yes Prime Minister*. He is, happily, still working in the theatre and on radio but, as he told Jeremy Isaacs, a *Face to Face* participant recently came to naught because the producer was "worried about

the close-up". What a shame. Not that Eddington was dismayed, for he had insisted the producer came to see him: "I do look grotesque, you know." Not at all, but Eddington has skin cancer and so his physical condition is much diminished even if his spirit is not.

His loss of weight, blotchy skin and absence of hair was first revealed by a disgraced piece of tabloid intrusion and Eddington admitted last night what those of us in the newspaper business had known at the time: that the tabloids "were hoping against hope that I might have AIDS. Respectable married man, grown-up family, it would be a lovely story, wouldn't it?"

Once Eddington decided to announce his true condition, the tabloids lost interest. This is a pity, if unsurprising. And after perhaps five minutes of *Face to Face* Eddington's appearance had

ceased to matter, overwhelmed by his cheerful intelligence and casual courage.

As for the thing that really matters, the acting, Eddington produced as brief and brilliant a definition of the secret of comedy as I have heard. "The secret is courage [pause] the courage to pause," he said.

A mixed bag elsewhere last night included a disappointing return for *Horizon* (BBC2) which was subtitled *Liar* but never quite got beyond the rather narrow issue of the technology of the lie.

There was one brief, shining moment which put all the theorising academics to shame. This involved evidence that small children are incapable of deception (even in a good cause) but less small ones soon learn it. A child of three was given a scenario in which Snow White is hiding from

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her wicked stepmother in a hollow tree and offered the chance to tell the woman that Snow White was in fact in the house, thus saving her.

But when the stepmother asked the child the question, the child of three replied: "In the tree." When a child of five was put in the same situation, she replied: "In the house." This explains why you have to be over five to join the Diplomatic Service.

The pace of *Horizon* was not much helped by its following of a tiresome modern fashion, which involves using monochrome for dramatisations. As a warning to producers, I print without comment the question posed by my seven-year-old daughter upon seeing some old newsreel on television at the weekend: "In olden days, did everyone have to wear black and white?"

Most of the people in *Kicking and Screaming* (BBC2) certainly

did. This, third in the series, traced the English football team from the thrashing by Hungary at Wembley in 1953 — the first home defeat by a continental side — to the World Cup victory, on the same ground, 13 years later.

I was fascinated to see that the great Tommy Lawton still has the same Brylcreem-ad haircut that he carried on the pitch, but there was no real attempt to show what had happened to England tactically in those 13 years, except that Alf Ramsey was allowed to pick his team of "wingless wonders", whereas his predecessor had a selection committee of nine.

Apparently half-a-dozen of them would turn up for meetings each touting a favourite goalkeeper, for example, so that six goalkeepers had to be whittled down to one over a period of several hours of exhausting argument. A similar process is still in use elsewhere,

only now the successful candidate is given the Bookers Prize.

Omigod! *The Last Journey of John Keats* (BBC1) was a gentle and informative film in which Andrew Motion, a Keats biographer, replicated the great man's journey by sailing ship to Rome, where he died of TB in 1821, having hoped that the journey might effect a cure. He was 25 years old.

Motion resisted the temptation to paint a cradle-to-grave portrait of Keats, instead focusing on the three years in which he was writing his finest poems, dying of TB and wrestling with his passion for Fanny Brawne.

Amid these dramas, Keats was producing work which was only properly understood long after his death, for the work's romantic agony often acted as a shield (and sometimes a metaphor) for Keats's strongly-felt views on the repression of the working classes and the need for a republic.

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Stadium contest at final stage

Wembley way
challenged
by Manchester

By JOHN GOODBODY

WEMBLEY and Manchester were last night fighting to be the venue of England's first new national stadium for 73 years. Bradford, Birmingham and Sheffield, the other three contenders, had fallen behind. The decision will be announced today.

Most of the six football representatives on the ten-strong panel were backing a stadium at Wembley, scene of every FA Cup Final since 1923 and of England's triumph in the 1966 World Cup.

However, the representatives of the Sports Council, which will help to fund the venue with money from the National Lottery, were questioning whether the shareholding arrangements and the environment were adequate. One source said: "It is absolutely vital that the stadium we pick is a suitable Mecca for sport in the 21st century."

The plans at Wembley include knocking down the original stadium, which is becoming increasingly unsuitable for top-class sports events, and building a new, 80,000-seat arena. Wembley is seeking about £100 million of lottery funds for a stadium

that is expected to cost £167 million.

The twin towers, on which there is a preservation order, would remain as a memory to a past which includes the 1948 Olympic Games and hundreds of football and rugby league internationals.

However, there was still concern yesterday whether the environs would be appropriate for a stadium which could be the centre-piece of an Olympic bid. Sadly, what was originally Wembley Park too often resembles a building-site.

As the group tried to achieve a consensus in its final formal and informal meetings, Manchester proved the leading rival to Wembley party because the Sports Council has pledged to build an athletics facility in Eastlands to stage the 2002 Commonwealth Games. The Commonwealth Games Federation seems certain to give Manchester those Games when it meets in Bermuda on Friday.

The Government has already spent £30 million on preparing and levelling the ground for a stadium in the

unsuccessful Manchester Olympic bid for 2000. The site, only two miles from the city centre, will cost £135 million, of which only £45 million will be required from the lottery. It also has the indoor velodrome as part of a 146-acre sports complex, while the new indoor Nynex Arena, in the city centre, is the biggest in Europe, with a capacity of 18,500.

It will be embarrassing for the British Olympic Association (BOA) if Manchester beats Wembley. After two failed Olympic bids, there is now an increasing belief that only London can get the Games.

Craig Reddie, the BOA chairman, made it clear two weeks ago to a House of Commons select committee that many members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) would prefer London to any other British city. However, it will be difficult for the BOA over the next 15 years to nominate any other city than Manchester if it is the venue for the national stadium.

Of all cities in England, Manchester must be the last to need a football stadium. Old Trafford, when building work is completed, will hold 55,000, which is adequate for Manchester United's home matches, friendly internationals and FA Cup semi-finals. As Manchester City are renovating Maine Road, it is unlikely that City will move into any new stadium.

The national stadiums steering group is led by Rodney Walker, chairman of both the Sports Council and the Rugby League. Of the six representatives from football, two are from the Football Association, which has a contract with Wembley for internationals until 2002. The other members are: Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League; Professor Peter Radford, of the British Athletic Federation; and Derek Casey, the chief executive of the Sports Council.

Graham unlikely to face investigation

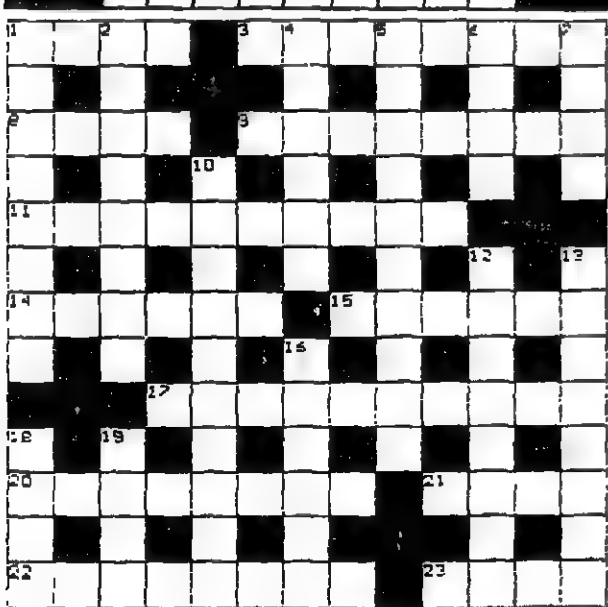
GEORGE GRAHAM, the former Arsenal manager, is unlikely to face further investigation from the football authorities, despite admitting he was involved in the deal that took Peter Schmeichel and Andrei Kanchelskis to Manchester United (John Goodbody writes).

Graham, who was banned from football for a year last July after being found guilty of misconduct, has said he recommended Rune Hauge, the Danish agent, to contact Old Trafford because he did

not need the two players at Highbury.

However, the Premier League yesterday agreed with the Football Association that there was "nothing new" in Graham's statement.

Maurice Lindsay, the Manchester United solicitor, said that the reaction of the club was one of "complete surprise. I have spoken to Alex Ferguson and the chairman, Martin Edwards, and no one at the club was aware of any involvement by George Graham in the transfers."

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The pride of English squash, from left, Simon Parke, Chris Walker, Del Harris and Mark Chaloner, who will line up at the world team championships in Cairo next month, took a bow at the British Museum yesterday. Photograph: Des Leeson. Report, page 46

Malcolm struggles to stay on course

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON
IN JOHANNESBURG

DEVON MALCOLM, who came to South Africa two weeks ago as the bowler England hoped would match the home side's firepower, is in the doghouse. In an extraordinary departure from the protocol of touring life, Raymond Illingworth, the England cricket team manager, and Peter Lever, the bowling coach, spent out in explicit terms that Malcolm had better pull his finger out, or else.

"He is one of six seamen," Illingworth said, "and he has to show me that he is one of the best three of that lot. Everyone is dying to play and those who bowl the best will be picked." Illingworth denied that Mal-

colm, who is recovering from knee surgery three months ago, had ever been "an out-and-out favourite" to play, adding: "At the moment, he wouldn't frighten anybody."

Last week, Malcolm was reprimanded for not travelling to Springs with the team for the day-night match, and on Sunday he was packed off to Pretoria for nets when England finished off the Invicta XI innings. The game was abandoned without a ball being bowled yesterday after heavy overnight rain.

Malcolm's fall from grace has been dramatic, particularly as Michael Atherton, the captain, commends the overall mood of the party as "outstanding". Malcolm has refused even to try to put into

practice Lever's attempts to streamline an action that is famously awkward.

To prevent Malcolm falling away in the delivery stride, Lever tried to get the bowler's "pathfinding" left arm closer to the vertical. From that, a straighter course should follow, pointing down the pitch instead of slipping towards the offside, and the bowler would be better balanced.

"The question is," Lever said, "do you stick with what you have got, and what you know? Or do you take a gamble? What I was trying to do with Devon was not a huge change, just to get him coming in straighter. But, like any change, you must have the confidence to go through with it. We have now accepted that

he will bowl as he has done for the past ten years."

Lever admitted that he would have enjoyed getting hold of Malcolm as a 20-year-old sophomore, instead of the 32-year-old senior. "Devon has got one great asset - he is very sharp. If I were him I would have wanted to have been in every Test side of the last eight years. He has only been able to bowl as he has because of his strength."

England have two more four-day matches in East London and Kimberley, before the first Test. Dominic Cork, Darren Gough and Peter Martin, who missed the game in Soweto, will play against Border later this week when Illingworth and Atherton will measure their form

and, in Gough's case, fitness. So far, the only fast bowler to take a first-class wicket on this tour has been Mark Biot.

"Most people have made some form of contribution," Atherton, who may miss one of the next two games to enable all the batsmen to declare themselves, said. "We will try to give everybody an opportunity before the first Test, although Alec [Stewart] will play in all three first-class matches because he has not batted since breaking his finger in July." Robin Smith retains the captain's support despite his lack of form. "He is a big-match player," Atherton said, "and he will get maximum opportunity."

SCORES: England 332 and 282 for 5 wickets; South Africa 240 and 251. Match drawn.

Hoaxer triggers alarm
after a double too manyJulian Muscat in Melbourne on how the
horse racing elite were taken for a ride

A HITHERTO unidentified English expatriate has become the talk of the town here after performing a hoax on members of the exclusive Victoria Racing Club (VRC).

Adopting what is evidently a popular pastime among Commonwealth citizens, David Perkin, once on the books of Stoke City as a professional footballer, spent five hours drinking whisky in sealed company after bluffing his way into the committee rooms at Moonee Valley racetrack on Saturday.

Perkin, 37, was fêted every sip of the way when he passed himself off as a part-owner of Double Trigger, the Ascot Gold Cup winner, which represents Britain's best chance of victory in the Melbourne Cup. Australia's most prized horse race. However, as the alcohol took its toll, Perkin, who lives in Melbourne, surprised his hosts by loudly declaring Double Trigger a certainty to win at Flemington a week today.

Among his victims was Andrew Peacock, a former leader of the opposition Liberal party, who unwaveringly endorsed Perkin's credentials by insisting they had met on a previous visit to Britain. "There I was, fully expecting to be chucked out at any minute," Perkin said, "when Mr Peacock walked straight up to me and said: 'I know your face from somewhere.' I said: 'Yes, we met two years ago at Chester racecourse when I was with Robert Sangster.'"

Peacock is the father of Jane Chapple-Hyam, whose husband, Peter, is one of Britain's foremost trainers. Peacock's estranged wife, Susan, later married and divorced Sangster, the flamboyant owner.

Perkin's ruse was only discovered the following day, when Les Benton, the VRC's racing manager, told fellow members that Ron Huggins, the real owner of Double Trigger, was not expected here until Thursday. But yesterday, Perkin was listening as a man, claiming to be the hoaxer, contacted a local radio station. "I was going to let the whole thing die down but this joker fired me up," he said. "He was definitely an Aussie, and as for the Scottish accent ... it was appalling."

When contacted by The Times, Perkin, whose identity remained a mystery to Melbourne's racing community, was still reveling in his deriding. "If some Canadian can do it to our Queen, I'm sure I can do it to Andrew Peacock," he said. "I was amazed at how quickly the members introduced themselves. When I told one of them I admired his racing club tie, he immediately went

off and brought one back for me as a souvenir."

In common with the Quebec prankster, Pierre Brassard, Perkin, from Maclefield, who has lived in Australia for 18 years, has perpetrated several hoaxes. After gate-crashing a corporate sponsors' ball on the Gold Coast, he hobnobbed at length with Wayne Goss, the Queensland premier, and was presented with a case of port. He also walked into a \$500-a-ticket celebrity function at the Formula One grand prix in Adelaide.

VRC members yesterday laughed off their embarrassment. "In the end it might have gone a bit too far," Perkin said. "I have apologised to the people concerned and they have all taken it in the right spirit. I'll be there for the Melbourne Cup as a guest of the radio station, and if Double Trigger wins, I've told them to come down to Sherlock Holmes, my local bar, and I'll buy them all a drink."



Ron Huggins, left, and the impostor, David Perkin

Lewis camp
sceptical
of Bruno
contractBY SHIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

A REPORT that Frank Bruno has signed to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title against Mike Tyson in March was received with scepticism by Lennox Lewis's backers, Pansie Eliades, yesterday.

Eliades has sought an injunction in the High Court to prevent the champion from meeting anyone else but Lewis who, according to Eliades, won the right to challenge Bruno first as a result of winning a WBC eliminator.

Eliades said that the court had asked to see the contract between Bruno and Tyson. "We are expecting it tomorrow from America," Eliades said. "I would be surprised if there is a contract. They [Bruno's camp] told us on Friday they had signed a contract to fight in July. Now they are saying it's March. We have not seen any WBC approval. Without WBC approval, it can't happen."

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Bernard Connolly, who is taking the Commission to the European Court, in front of a mural at the European Parliament building in Brussels

Legal challenge by Euro dissident to Brussels hardliners

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BERNARD Connolly, the British EU official who has been treated as a dissident by the European Commission since he was suspended after denouncing monetary union in a book, is taking action against the Commission in the European Court.

After 17 years at the Commission, Mr Connolly has been barred from his office and other EU premises in Brussels. His photograph has been issued to security guards at some entrances and car parks.

Mr Connolly, 46, was suspended on half pay pending disciplinary proceedings after he published his insider's account of what he calls "the dirty war for the control of Europe's money". Now he has struck back at the Commission with a suit in the European Court demanding damages and the annulment of disciplinary proceedings against him.

Lawyers for Mr Connolly,

who is still nominally the head of the Commission unit monitoring the European exchange-rate mechanism, also asked the Luxembourg court on Friday for an emergency injunction to halt what they said was a media campaign by the Commission to denigrate his character after he published *The Rotten Heart of Europe*, extracts from which were published in *The Times*.

The two-pronged legal action brings to the fore the question of whether civil servants of the European Union may be punished for going public with opinions that conflict with official doctrine. In a parallel case last week Jacques Santer, the President, prevailed on Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish Commissioner, to pulp all copies of a forthcoming book in which she presents her colleagues in an unflattering light. After issuing a humble apology, she has now slapped a writ on a Copenhagen newspaper for publishing her whole text.

Officials distinguish between Mrs Bjerregaard's position as a political office-holder and that of Mr Connolly as a *fonctionnaire*, or public official, who is bound by a duty to discretion. However, supporters of Mr Connolly, including one of the main state unions, say he has effectively been banished as a dissident.

Mr Connolly's book has sold well in Brussels, Strasbourg and the other centres of Euro-power. Although regarded as an aberration by the mainstream Eurocracy, it has fed the doubts which multiplied around the Continent this autumn over the prospects of the monetary project at the heart of the Maastricht treaty.

The argument that monetary union was a sinister Franco-German scheme disastrous for the Union was greeted in Brussels as apostasy. The sense of betrayal initially prompted an outspoken riposte from the Commission. An angry Mr Santer and his lieutenants initially predicted the author's dismissal for his actions, before retreating into official silence.

Mr Connolly's suit claims that these statements, along with anonymous reports on his conduct, have prejudiced him, leaving him no alternative but to apply to the Court of Justice. A five-member tribunal is expected to hear his case

around the end of the year. The maximum penalty would be a decision to sack Mr Connolly from his job as head of one of the 300 units and deprive him of pension rights. Commission sources say he is being investigated under charges that he breached a staff regulation which says officials shall not "publish without permission any matter dealing with the work of the Communities". A key line in the regulation states: "Permission shall be refused only where the proposed publication is liable to prejudice the interests of the Communities."

The case is clear-cut, say officials. Mr Connolly did not seek permission for publication when he took unpaid leave in the late spring and, they say, a book by a civil servant that attacks one of the central policies to which the Union is committed obviously breaches the rules.

Mr Connolly acknowledged on publication in September that he had not sought approval. His supporters say the crux of the case is whether an informed criticism of the project of monetary union does prejudice the interest of the Union. Comparisons with national civil services are erroneous, they say, because the Commission is a hybrid with ambiguous status.

According to the Union of European Civil Servants, the Commission has "pilloried" Mr Connolly for his views and suspended him without justification. Jos Depondt, the president of the Christian-led union, the number three body representing staff, said: "Mr Connolly's court action... The man is being condemned in advance. There are human rights involved," he said. None of the other unions has supported Mr Connolly.

A small band of colleagues is discreetly backing him against what some depict as a tendency by the Commission since the time of the Maastricht treaty to enforce a belief-system on its staff. No quick decisions are likely to emerge from Mr Connolly's counter-offensive. The lower court at Luxembourg could take weeks to respond to the request for an injunction and probably years to decide on the request to declare the disciplinary proceedings null and void.

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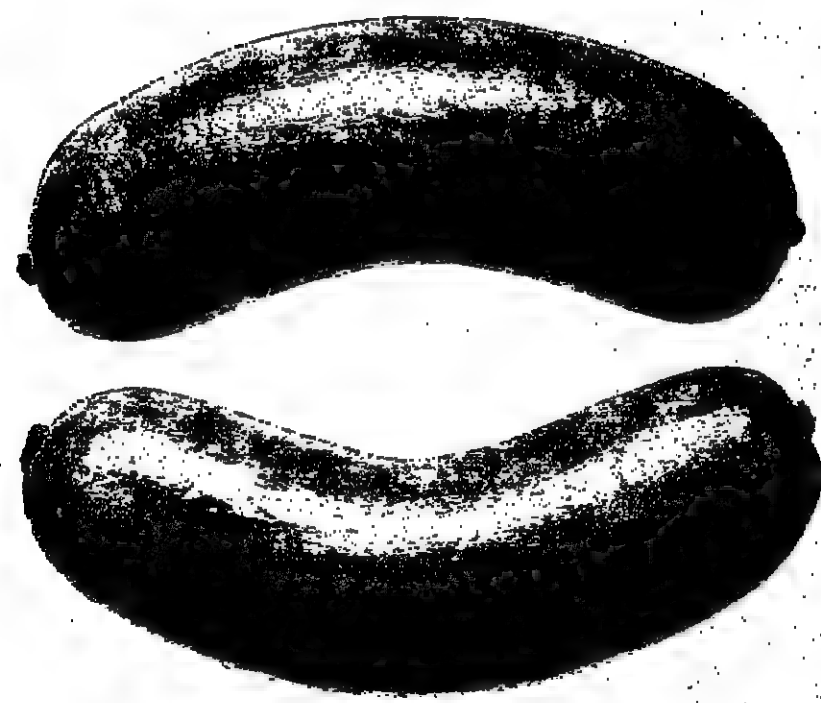
Supporters, including a staff union, say that he has been effectively banished.

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Battle for peninsula produces biggest humanitarian crisis of war

Tamil villagers flee in panic as army advances on Jaffna

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN VAVUNIA, NORTHERN SRI LANKA

THE Sri Lankan Army is advancing on the town of Jaffna, headquarters of the Tamil Tigers, in some of the fiercest fighting of the 12-year civil war.

Casualties on both sides have been high. Many civilians have been killed by government shelling and bombing, which has hit residential areas of the town.

There is panic among the 600,000 Tamils on the Jaffna peninsula, half of whom have fled from their homes. The greatest humanitarian crisis of the war is in the making.

The Tigers, sensing that they will have to pull back, have moved their arms-making factories from the peninsula to northern areas of the mainland. They are fighting with determination, forcing the army's 35,000 men to battle for every yard.

The military controls more than 25 square miles of the peninsula. Its forces were yesterday under heavy artillery fire in the small town of Nirveli, five miles northeast of Jaffna town. The army claims to have captured Nirveli, and said 40 soldiers and 90 rebels died in the battle.

The decision whether to move into Jaffna town is a political one: the Government will have to decide whether it



is willing to risk an international outcry if there are substantial civilian casualties.

Roman Catholic priests crossing from the peninsula into the northern town of Vavunia said yesterday that an exodus of the population was under way. Thousands are said to have left the peninsula others are seeking shelter wherever they can.

Jaffna hospital has been hit and the peninsula's only surgeon amputated limbs from more than 40 people in 17 hours at the weekend.

The plight of civilians is already acute, with little food available. The monsoon has set in, making conditions even more miserable. Voluntary organisations have appealed to the Government to set up a safe area for refugees about

ten miles southeast of Jaffna town. So far it has not responded. Most of those fleeing from the peninsula head for Kilinochchi, a small town ill-equipped to handle the influx.

The Tigers have laid huge numbers of mines. They are preparing to resist a final push by the army and have appealed for more recruits. Before all schools were closed a week ago, the Tigers appealed to students to take up arms. Recruits are aged from 14.

The Tamils on Jaffna are evidently terrified by the advancing of the soldiers, and are looking to the Tigers to save them from what they are convinced will be a massacre. Sinhalese bitterness towards the Tamils has been running particularly high after massacres at three villages in northern Sri Lanka last week, in which more than 120 people died. The youngest of many Sinhalese children murdered by the Tigers was a girl of seven days, shot in the head by a boy.

The authorities have responded by supplying sophisticated weapons to village guards. Chinese-made rifles were being given yesterday to young men who grinned with delight. Until now they had only shotguns, all but useless against the Tigers.



A Sri Lankan soldier measuring a youth during a recruitment drive which began in Colombo yesterday amid the offensive on Jaffna, the Tamil Tiger stronghold

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nigerians sentenced to death

Port Harcourt: A Nigerian special court has sentenced five leaders of the opposition Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People to death for murder, acquitting four other members.

Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer and movement's leader, and 30 other members were arrested in May last year and accused of killing four prominent Ogoni. The verdict against Mr Saro-Wiwa and the remaining defendants is expected today. (AFP)

Cult disbanded

Tokyo: The district court ordered the dissolution of the Aum Shinrikyo cult, and the liquidation of its assets, citing the Japanese sect's production of the Sarin nerve gas, used in the attack on the Tokyo underground on March 20.

Denial by Kim

Seoul: President Kim Young Sam of South Korea denied any involvement in a slush fund scandal that disgraced his predecessor, Roh Tae Woo, and indicated the former head of state would be brought to justice. (Reuters)

Manuscript sale

Berlin: The previously undiscovered German manuscript of Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front* will be auctioned in London on December 1, Sotheby's said. It could fetch up to £350,000. (Reuters)



Malan: murder charge

Immunity move by general

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

LAWYERS and leaders of South Africa's former apartheid Government held crisis talks yesterday to seek temporary immunity for General Magnus Malan, the former Defence Minister, and ten other ex-senior military officers who face murder charges.

It is hoped a meeting will take place between President Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, leader of the National Party and Second Deputy President, on Thursday, when the 11 men are due to appear in Durban Magistrates' Court.

General Malan, 65, was chief of the defence force from 1976 to 1980 and became Defence Minister in 1980. The murder charges relate to the 1987 killings of 13 people, including seven children, in KwaMakutha near Durban.

General Malan declared yesterday he was innocent and would prove it, but added: "By crickey, it's very bad to be connected to a situation like that." He said he had faith in the other former officers facing charges, declaring: "I know they didn't do it."

The case for temporary immunity is based on the precedent that a similar privilege was granted by the previous Government to 117 members of former anti-apartheid movements including Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, and Joe Modise, the Defence Minister.

The white Right and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party have said the decision to serve murder charges is an African National Congress ploy before tomorrow's local elections.

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Filipina maid to be given 100 lashes

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

A FILIPINA maid in the United Arab Emirates had her death sentence commuted yesterday to 100 lashes, a year in jail and deportation after a deal to pay blood money to the family of her Gulf Arab employer. She stabbed him to death while he was raping her.

Filipinos were outraged and disappointed by the decision to flog her. President Ramos said that, although he welcomed the lighter sentence, he was surprised by the flogging. He added that his Government would appeal against the penalty.

The way was cleared for the death penalty to be commuted when the Emir-

ates President, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan, convinced the victim's family to accept £26,000 in blood money contributed by a Filipino industrialist.

The plight of the maid, Sarah Balabagan, 16, like that of Flor Contemplacion, hanged in Singapore in March for a double murder, has brought an outcry about the working conditions of the hundreds of thousands of young Filipinos in domestic service abroad.

Initial relief in the Philippines at the verdict of the Islamic court turned to anger at the barbarity of the proposed punishment. Attempts by Emirates officials to defuse world reaction by claiming

that attempts would be made to lessen the pain of the flogging, which is to be administered with a wooden cane, were to no avail.

A Gulf Arab diplomat said that the lashes would be administered on the girl's lower buttocks. Salman Lofis, one of Ms Balabagan's lawyers, said that the person administering the flogging would be required to hold a book under the arm to limit the force of each stroke. An Emirates official said: "They are usually done in a very light way."

The publicity has prompted international sympathy for the maid, who stabbed her 70-year-old employer 34 times.

Tanzanian polls in chaos

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

TANZANIA'S first multiparty polls were in chaos yesterday as the electoral commission declared void votes cast in Dar es Salaam, the commercial capital.

The move was made after complaints from the ruling party and a coalition of eight opposition parties, amid allegations of rigging and bribery.

The commission was last night trying to salvage the elections in the rest of the country where 600 returning officers were unable to reach

their stations when voting opened on Sunday. "The election for President and members of parliament for the Dar es Salaam region will be repeated next week," said Lewis Makame, the commission chairman.

His statement, made after voting had been extended by a day to try to cope with logistical problems, is likely to fuel calls from the opposition and the ruling party to abandon the elections altogether. This view is shared by some of the

foreign countries that have donated £10 million for the elections.

However, such a move is likely to cause tension in Zanzibar, the island which, with Pemba, forms a federation with the mainland.

The ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi party won the presidential and parliamentary elections held on the islands a week before voting on the mainland. The opposition has called for an interim government to be set up.

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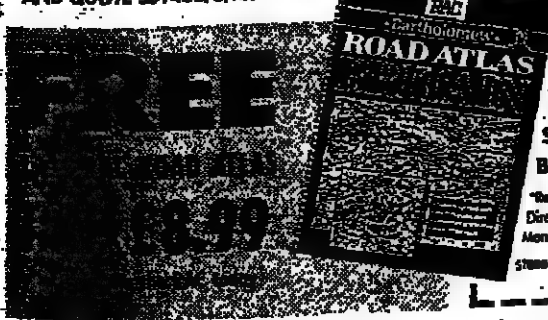
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What is missing from the political debate on whether to legalise soft drugs is hard medical evidence, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Who knows the truth about cannabis?

THE weekend's interview with Clare Short, a member of Labour's Shadow Cabinet, has reopened the debate about whether cannabis should be legalised. Tony Blair is not pleased and neither is Dr Philip Robson, consultant psychiatrist at Oxford's Chilton Clinic and senior lecturer in clinical psychiatry at the university. He is exasperated.

Dr Robson was a clinical pharmacologist before he became a psychiatrist, and having switched speciality, he has developed a special interest in the misuse of drugs. He has written a book, *Forbidden Drugs* (Oxford University Press), for the general reader. Dr Robson's opinions differ from those of another great Oxford expert on cannabis, the late Sir William Paton, who was professor of pharmacol-

ogy at the university. Paton thought that cannabis was a very dangerous drug indeed and that its potential side-effects were under-rated. Conversely Dr Robson feels that future research is likely to show that its danger is associated with heavy and persistent rather than occasional use.

Dr Robson's complaint is that nobody knows who is right, because the basic scientific work on cannabis's effects in humans has never been done. Paton derived his knowledge mainly from retrospective studies of people and from

animal research. There has never been any well organised trial of cannabis or its constituent chemicals, such as is done on drugs used in medicine. There is anecdotal evidence that cannabis can be useful in some cases of multiple sclerosis and terminal cancer, but these claims have never been subjected to a proper clinical assessment.

Paton and Dr Robson would both agree that cannabis can trigger a



psychotic breakdown in a person who has predisposing factors. Dr Robson goes further and says that not only will the drug uncover a hidden potential to exhibit psychotic symptoms, but it will also make patients very much worse if they smoke cannabis when they already have psychiatric symptoms.

Even the physical effects of cannabis are largely uncharted. Paton's work demonstrated that in animals the drug

taken in large doses is teratogenic, that is, it increases the number of abnormal foetuses, and also has an effect on the sperm count in the male. These changes haven't been conclusively demonstrated in humans and it is possible that an apparent increase in foetal abnormalities observed by doctors in their pot-smoking patients is a reflection not so much of teratogenic effects of the drug, as of the poor nutrition and chaotic lifestyle of the patient. However, Dr Robson believes that pregnant women would be most unwise to smoke cannabis.

It is interesting that the very people who proselytise the advantages of green lifestyle are sometimes prepared to smoke herbal cannabis, disregarding the fact that four pure joints of it are probably the equivalent in carcinogenicity to 20 cigarettes. Pot smokers, like tobacco smokers, are also at an increased risk of developing cancer of the mouth, larynx and the upper respiratory airways.

Dr Robson thinks it unlikely that further political debate will alter entrenched positions. He would settle for a change in academic thinking on the need for a scientific approach to the study of cannabis. When the facts are known, Dr Robson says the politicians should address the question again.

Hope for a life free of seizures

THE initials "H.M." are probably the most famous in psychology. They belong not to a scientist but to a patient. In 1953 H.M., then 27 years old, underwent surgery in Vancouver to relieve severe epilepsy. The operation involved the removal of parts of both temporal lobes of his brain, the regions which rest upon the sturdy bones encasing the inner ear. The surgery helped his seizures, but had another, unforeseen result. H.M. lost the ability to acquire new memories.

Since then H.M. has collaborated fruitfully with several generations of memory researchers. But his unhappy experience did not spell the end of epilepsy surgery. In a small and carefully selected group of patients, surgery to remove part of one or other temporal lobe has become a remarkably effective treatment for troublesome seizures, with little threat to memory.

After referring to H.M. in a previous article (*The Times*, June 5) I received a gentle rebuke from a young patient in the Midlands who had recently undergone successful surgery. She had been delighted by the striking alleviation of her long-standing, drug-resistant seizures, and was worried that the tale of H.M.'s almost unique amnesia might discourage potential candidates from an operation which has transformed her life. Following such surgery it is common to experience complete or substantial remission from seizures which may have been occurring several times a day.

The explanation for why the unlikely expedient of removing part of the brain can treat epilepsy goes to the heart of neurology. Our current pic-

Brain surgery can be the answer for some epileptics, says Dr Adam Zeman



PET brain scan during a fit

ture of the brain depicts it as a magnificent signalling system. Signals from the senses are analysed, integrated and transformed into signals to our muscles. These convey the coded recipes for all our words and deeds. The signals rely on two kinds of messenger: electrical pulses passing along the billions of nerve fibres, and chemical pulses at the junctions between one fibre and the next.

The pattern of electrical activity in a normal waking brain is both orderly and complex. Epileptic fits occur when the elaborate rhythms of the active brain are replaced by repetitive synchronised discharges, and the hum of countless neuronal conversations — on which experience

and behaviour normally depend — becomes a monotonous roar.

The seizures that result come in many shapes and sizes, some unmistakable, others subtle and easily missed. The key distinction is between generalised attacks which involve the entire brain, and focal seizures in which the epileptic activity is confined to a given region.

At least one in 20 of us will have a fit at some time. If we have more than one we have shown the tendency to recurring seizures that defines epilepsy. For the majority of sufferers, epilepsy is a temporary and manageable problem: most will either cease to have seizures spontaneously, or remit on treatment.

Simple precautions are sometimes effective. Late nights and alcohol are avoidable, in principle at least. Those with "photosensitive" epilepsy can steer clear of discotheque strobes and flickering screens. But the mainstay of treatment is a growing family of drugs which modify either the electrical or the chemical aspect of signalling in the brain, damping down its excitability.

A small minority of patients will respond poorly to drug treatment. Their seizures sometimes become chronic and disabling, as in the cases of H.M. and my young correspondent. One of the commonest causes is the presence of an epileptic focus in the temporal lobe. For reasons that remain poorly understood the temporal lobes are particularly vulnerable to damage and, once damaged, particularly liable to give rise to epilepsy. A structure lying on the inner

surface of the lobe plays a pivotal role: the hippocampus, named after its resemblance to a sea-horse. Besides their talent for causing mischief if they are damaged, the hippocampi enable us to acquire new memories: hence H.M.'s post-operative amnesia.

The history of surgery for seizures extends well into the 19th century. In 1879 William MacEwen, in Glasgow, operated on a patient with "focal motor" seizures, and successfully removed a small tumour pressing on the motor area of the brain. But the importance of the deep structures of the temporal lobes was not appreciated until the 1950s when Murray Falconer, a London neurosurgeon, and Wilder Penfield, a Canadian surgeon, began to provide evidence for the key role of the hippocampus in some cases of drug-resistant epilepsy.

Surgery on the damaged temporal lobe offers complete or substantial relief from seizures in more than two thirds of affected patients, provided that the candidates for surgery

are selected with scrupulous care. Those who do best are teenagers and young adults, in whom one temporal lobe contains an epileptic focus while the other is healthy. If evidence from electrical record-

The temporal lobes are vulnerable to brain damage

ing, brain scanning and memory testing all converge on this conclusion, the outlook is excellent. If not, the risks of a poor result rise steeply. Catastrophes among carefully selected patients are rare: this surgery will induce a stroke in about one patient in 100.

A treadmill can show if a fracture is healing

After several weeks of milking sympathy, watching daytime television and having rude messages scrawled on your telly plaster cast, the novelty of a broken leg wears off. But imagine how frustrating it is to go through all that only to discover that the bone has not mended properly. Now researchers in London are developing a machine to predict early on whether the tibia, or shin bone, will heal naturally or whether a patient is destined for the operating table.

Normally, broken bones start mending immediately. A blood clot accumulates in the gap between the broken ends, and large cells called macrophages invade the site to remove damaged cells. A mesh of connective tissue is then laid down, and the bone gradually rebuilds itself. For the tibia, this feat of biological reconstruction takes about six months from start to finish.

This goes awry, however, in about a tenth of the 50,000 annual cases of tibial fractures. "Union, or the joining together of the bone ends, depends on the blood supply," says Professor Sean Hughes, head of orthopaedics at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in Hammersmith, west London. "The supply to the tibia is quite poor, because not many muscles are attached to it." The patients most at risk are those who suffer open (or compound) tibial fractures, where the skin bone breaks through the skin and ruptures the blood supply. This hap-

pen in a fifth of all tibial fractures. A clinical examination and X-rays can give a hint from about six weeks after fracture whether healing has started. "But this is imprecise," says Professor Hughes. "Once the bone is not being used, it starts losing its inherent strength. We need to know quickly whether healing is not going to take place, so that we can perform a bone graft or insert a nail."

External fixators, which clamp the bone together, can be used instead of plaster to encourage healing. A fixator looks like a metal comb with

four teeth. Each tooth is a strong steel pin, which is screwed into the broken bone to hold it in place. Built-in sensors show how much weight the fixator is bearing. As the bone heals, the load on the fixator goes down and the weight borne by the leg goes up. Some patients, however, can disguise a lack of weight-bearing and a lack of healing with a limp. So as the fixator load decreases, doctors wrongly assume the leg is healing. Dr Edward Draper, a biomechanical engineer working with Professor Hughes, has found a way around this problem. He has adapted a treadmill by putting a metal plate underneath the conveyor belt. The patient then walks on the treadmill. "Comparing the load on the fixator with the load on the plate allows us to see if healing really has started," says Dr Draper.

Preliminary tests suggest that doctors can discover in three weeks if the bone is healing well, three weeks earlier than the healing process begins to show on X-rays. Dr Draper's fixator could be modified to assess fractures of other long bones, although the tibia is the most problematic. Formal clinical trials will start by the end of the year. The group, funded by a £70,000 grant from Action Research, expects conclusive results within two years.

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R. W. Johnson meets James Gregory, the jailer who became Nelson Mandela's close friend

My prisoner, my president

As you sit opposite James Gregory in his modest Cape Town house, with pictures of him in uniform and his school swimming certificates framed on the wall, it is difficult to believe that the soft-spoken and gentle man in front of you was Nelson Mandela's jailer for 20 years. Ever since Mandela invited Gregory and his family as guests of honour to his presidential inauguration, it has dawned on the media that Gregory knows Mandela better than anyone else in the world and he has been endlessly pestered for details about the great man. Gregory has now tried to dispose of his burden by writing a book - *Goodbye, Bafana, Nelson Mandela. My Prisoner, My Friend* (Headline, £17.99) - but the effect is merely to make you as interested in the author as in his ward.

Nothing quite touches the drama of Gregory's first meeting with Mandela, then working in slave labour conditions in the searing light and heat of the Robben Island lime quarry, scene of many a fearful atrocity. Prisoners were beaten and abused and had dogs set on them. One man, as a punishment, was buried up to his neck in sand and then had a warder urinate in his face. It was here that Gregory met Mandela, standing tall in his prison shorts and sandals, his whole body, says Gregory, a statement that "I am a leader. You will not intimidate me". Mandela greeted Gregory with a firm good morning and "Welcome to Robben Island" and Gregory, before he knew it, slipped into the Zulu greeting. He had not used since childhood, a mark of respect which left Mandela stunned. For something in Mandela, the lost leader in the slave quarry, and then the ultimate outcast, struck a deep chord in Gregory, himself a natural loner and outsider. As a child Gregory's father and grandmother had been incarcerated in a British concentration camp during the Boer War. Despite this ultimate mark of Afrikaner martyrdom, Gregory's English-sounding name led to his being bullied as an English rooinek (freedneck) at his Afrikaans school. He writes bitterly of a lonely and friendless childhood and of frequent violence in which he was badly let down by parents, teachers and peers. His only real friend was his Zulu playmate, Bafana - thanks to whom Gregory grew up speaking Zulu and Xhosa.

Looking back now, Gregory feels he was moulded largely by this lonely friendship with Bafana and the sympathy it gave him with blacks, then moulded by the ferociously indoctrination he received at school and finally led back into harmony



James Gregory was congratulated by one South African minister as "the man who took the hatred for the white man out of Nelson Mandela"

with his earlier self by his long friendship with Mandela. Mandela, for his part, was equally affected by Gregory, for he learnt that there could be real warmth and kindness in an ordinary non-political white. Later, Gregory was congratulated by one minister as "the man who took the hatred for the white man out of Nelson Mandela", while Mandela has been reproached by some of his more radical followers for treating whites as if they were all "a race of James Gregorys".

For many years Gregory was the prison censor, giving him an intimate knowledge of the private lives of those in his charge. He decided that it was not his job to spy on Mandela and his comrades, so he refused to talk to anyone at all about the confidences and insights he gained into their lives. After all, he argued, these men were not criminals but were in jail for a cause. This attitude led to friction with the prison authorities and to furious resentment among the other wardens of Gregory as a "rigger-lover",

which resulted in not a few punch-ups. Gregory never shirked a fight and earned their wary respect with his fists. But as word quickly spread among the media of his special relationship with the world's most famous political prisoner, he was offered large bribes to tell all - or even just for a photograph. These offers came, he reckons, at a rate of about two a month down the years. He refused them all and admits in private conversation that he still remains a store of secrets and confidences which are not in the book and which he will never reveal. This may or may not include knowledge of how Mandela's memoirs came, in part, to be illicitly written in jail, or of how Mandela managed to smuggle out messages.

Gregory is frequently questioned about Mandela's relationship with his wayward wife, Winnie - he had to sit in and overhear all her prison visits with Mandela down the years. She does not come well out of his accounts, though Gregory refuses to criticise her and professes a great admiration for her courage. Mandela, he says, always refused absolutely to discuss his wife with anyone at all and whenever he heard of her latest misdeed would merely tell Gregory - well, order him, really - to telephone that

minute to get her to come right away. The record of her recalcitrant interviews with her husband makes sad but not unexpected reading.

One fact was crucial, that Mandela felt that even to attempt to escape would mean seeking an individual route out of a collective fate, a sort of

'Nelson was a model prisoner, always the perfect gentleman'



impermissible running away. This meant that Gregory never really needed to be forced into his jailer role, particularly since Mandela was a model prisoner, not merely studious but always, as Gregory puts it, "a perfect gentleman".

Mandela, for his part, always referred to Gregory as Mr Gregory - thus avoiding the use of his first name. It is only since his release that Mandela has called him James. Their friendship was tragically cemented by the grief they shared at both having young sons killed in car accidents - indeed, the most moving pas-

sages in the book are those in which Mandela helps guide Gregory through his loss.

Gregory is an obstinately apolitical man but confesses that he voted "for Nelson" (rather than the ANC) last year, although never in 20 years did Mandela once ask for his support. Ultimately,

Gregory was not only driving Mandela on secret trips all over the Cape but was arranging sessions for the whole ANC executive to come and spend all day discussing strategy with Mandela in jail, with Gregory looking after their needs like a good butler.

Gregory reveals that Mandela was so much in charge by the end that he actually turned down De Klerk's wish to release him sooner, in order to allow the ANC more time to prepare for the election. When the time came for Mandela to stride into the sunlight with Winnie, free at last, the tables had turned to the point where Gregory gave Nelson the ANC clenched fist salute and found himself calling him "sir".

Listening to James Gregory talk about Mandela you cannot help feeling that the magic of the relationship was that at last Gregory had found not only a real friend but someone he could look up to. Sometimes, as he talks, he slips from talking of "my associ-

ation with Mandela" to "my life with Nelson", but he does not presume on the relationship and never telephones the President. Even in jail they often spent happy evenings together reading side by side in silence.

Gregory tried for a while to continue with the prison service after Mandela's release but soon packed it in for early retirement: things could never be the same "after Nelson".

Gregory's faith in Mandela has in no way dimmed since his release. He has faith in the Government, faith in the new South Africa. "We are going through hiccups," he says, "but it will come right".

As he talks, his daughter, Natasha, pads down the corridor and smiles happily when her father mentions that she is Mandela's goddaughter. They are a strongly Christian family and Gregory is a little surprised when I point out that Mandela is not - "well, in prison he always went to church, always". One mystery remains: long after Gregory assimilated Mandela to the image of his beloved Bafana, the lost comrade of his youth, he has still not been back to find Bafana. Partly this is just a fear of trying to go back, of disturbing an idyl, of ruining a precious memory. "Maybe next year," he says, "when this awful book business is over, I will do that. But meanwhile I hope Bafana reads my book - and I know Nelson will."

Political incorrectness

Why do we expect our leaders to mouth platitudes?

THE reality experienced by the politician is, we know, rather more virtual than anything the computer programmers can come up with.

Anyone who has ever met a politician out of uniform knows that once they've taken their boots off they can believe any number of things that their manifesto says they shouldn't, or that the Opposition says they should, or that they would deny absolutely believing were John Humphrys to put it to them at the microphone the next morning.

Most of the time this political virtual reality is invisible to the rest of us because we are not quite sure what the non-virtual reality is like. Because most of us don't really understand the minutiae of economics, for instance, we can't be sure whether every-



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thing Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown say about economics is driven by honest belief or by the random economic hypotheses according to which political parties construct their party lines.

But then once in a while something happens which reflects the virtual view of something we do know about, and then you can see the whole creaking, clanking edifice for what it is.

I have seen Labour and Tory politicians sit down together at dinner, chortlingly trying to best each other with stories of their constituents' relative ghoulishness. And I know, too, of MPs of both parties, who have smoked cannabis and who still, from time to time, do.

Given the number of MPs who were at university in the Sixties, this is hardly surprising. Now, up to a point I can understand why they don't stand up in the House to announce this. Up to a point I can even understand the mild hypocrisy which says that you and I can puff at an occasional joint safely enough but that it's probably not a good idea to let our train drivers and bank managers and housebuilders giggle their way through the working day.

But then Clare Short comes along, makes a couple of vague statements about the way she might one day possibly consider talking about the legalisation of cannabis, and suddenly the virtual reality goggles are

slipped over the eyes of the Cabinet and the Shadow Cabinet and some of the more excitable leader writers.

The Home Secretary pops out of his box to say that Ms Short's hesitant ruminations have "shown once again what lies behind the mask of New Labour"; the Labour leader leaps out of his just as quickly to point out that Labour policy is immutable on the matter of soft drugs; the editors remake their front pages to explain that all this represents a complete threat to Shadow Cabinet discipline.

Now, nowhere is it decreed that the duty of every member of the Cabinet, or Shadow Cabinet, is to have the selfsame view of things. The point is surely to realise that personal disagreement must sometimes be quashed

in favour of the consensus (and sometimes not) not that the dissenting thoughts mustn't be entertained. Ms Short anyway made it very clear that the views she expressed were her own personal ones and not in any way representative of the party.

To pretend she hadn't made that clear is disingenuous and opportunistic. But I suppose that's where journalists come in.

WHAT the episode shows us is that modern party politics isn't about the realities of British life, about finding ways to run the country more efficiently or more humanely or more profitably. Rather it shows that politicians are engaged in some mad formalised dance where the rules about what they say and appear to believe have evolved into an arcane and arbitrary game.

Michael Howard doesn't believe that the Shadow Cabinet is in turmoil or that Ms Short represents the Shadow Cabinet view; he does know, though, that according to the rules of the game if Ms Short says something which the rules determine she shouldn't say, he's allowed to pick up a card from the centre of the board which says "Claim Opposition disarray: move up polls one percentage point".

Being a game, of course, it makes it easy for the spectators to follow. Whether it makes for better government is, of course, another matter.

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Woody's biggest gamble

Quentin Letts on Allen's latest film about adoption and lust

Woody Allen is doing a passable imitation of a crocodile's dentist. His new film, which opened in America last weekend, is about adoption, lust and mix-ups with children. This from a man who three years ago had a horribly public separation from Mia Farrow after an affair with her adopted daughter Soon-Yi, and lost a court struggle for shared custody of their children.

It is as if the crocodile's dentist had invited his patient to "bite down please" before jumping out of the way.

The film, *Mighty Aphrodite*, has been pummelled by the critics and has enraged fashionable thought. "Cramped and mean-spirited... one of Allen's weakest films in years... disturbingly shallow in its moral perceptions," cried the *New York Daily News*. "Mean, crude," said the *New York Times*. *Newsday* thought Allen was "trying too hard" and summed up the enterprise as "everything you ever wanted to know about Woody, by Woody, for Woody". This from the *Boston Herald*: "Art imitates life, and the viewer cringes."

The Spence-Chapin adoption agency was enraged by the film's plot, which has a middle-aged man (Allen) tracking down the mother of his adopted son, only to discover that she is a prostitute and a porn actress. The agency called for demonstrations outside a Manhattan cinema

where the film has opened, a spokeswoman saying: "We are going to have signs and T-shirts saying 'Woody Allen Degraded Adoption and Women'. This is very harmful to adoptive children who worry what their birth parents are like."

But had she seen the film? The mother/tart (Mira Sorvino) is, in fact, thoughtful and caring, but simply could not cope with the baby. She actually comes out of the movie rather better than the other woman, Allen's screen wife Amanda (an on-form Helena Bonham-Carter).

Crossed of all was Maureen Dowd, a syndicated newspaper columnist: "What

makes Allen so irritatingly creepy is the way he keeps revising his image in his movies while denying that his movies are about himself. *Mighty Aphrodite* reminded me of a campaign film."

Allen's films are undoubtedly influenced by his personal experience, but they are also humorous and can be enjoyed without reference to the Allen biographical file. *Mighty Aphrodite* is an engaging comedy, a satire on the way some modern couples treat children almost as a convenience store purchase. This has been ignored by the critics, as has the fact that the crumpled mar-

riage portrayed in the film is a reflection of too many relationships these days.

Moments in the film include vintage Allen comedy, such as when the classical Greek-style chorus archly clasps its collective breast and makes an impassioned plea to Zeus. Down comes the metallic nasal reply from Olympus: "Hi. This is Zeus. I'm out at the moment, but please leave a message after the tone."

If the critics were to be honest they would admit that this film has been attacked because liberal New York is uncomfortable with the way its most talented movie maker has conducted his private life. Allen's declaration that he first thought of this story years ago has not stopped his opponents attributing to him motivations that other artists would justifiably find wounding.

Not for the first time, however, the *bien pensants* may have made a wrong call. They booed badly with Kevin Costner's *Waterworld* (popular, despite a critical drubbing), and when I went to see *Mighty Aphrodite* on its first day there was an indication that they may again have misjudged the public mood. As the end credits started rolling, the audience broke into cheers and applause. You could almost hear Allen ask: "You mean they liked it?"

● *Mighty Aphrodite* will be shown at the London Film Festival on November 2.



Woody Allen, Helena Bonham-Carter in *Mighty Aphrodite*

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What sort of union do we want?

What can Britain learn from Quebec, asks Magnus Linklater

The Canadian novelist Mordecai Richler has called Quebec's referendum the most unnecessary crisis in the world. It was an odd remark for a man who has spent the last 20 years commenting wittily, caustically, occasionally bitterly on French separatism and its implications for his native province. Most crises are unnecessary, but that doesn't stop them happening. This one had been boiling up for so long it would have been against nature for it not to have come to a head.

Quebec's crisis has concentrated minds in Britain for anyone who takes an interest in nationality and the constitutional debate. In Scotland it has been of huge significance, claimed by nationalists and devolutionists alike as bolstering their cause. They differ in their assessment of the parallels, but agree that the result has a heavy bearing on the debate about a Scottish parliament. Unionists, on the other hand, have declared this off-limits. John Major himself set the tone earlier this year, when he declared himself uncompromisingly against change: "If you want to live in a country with high taxes, high unemployment, limited economic opportunities and an uncertain relationship with your major trading partners, if you want to live in a place like Quebec, vote for nationalism."

That statement has subsequently had to be modified, if only because it emerges that Quebec has lower taxes and unemployment than Scotland. But Quebec has less bearing on Scotland than the United Kingdom than on Britain in Europe. The parallels are closer: it's just that voters have not so far been allowed a direct say in the matter. If it ever did come to a referendum on Europe, the arguments about economic isolation and the virtues of a larger union would be remarkably similar. However, just as in Quebec, they might be decided on emotional grounds rather than by the force of economic logic. Quebec's crisis became unavoidable because despite all economic and political arguments to the contrary, the emotional imperative of a people searching for a stronger expression of their own national identity became too strong to ignore. That might yet happen here.

If it did, the arguments would become testing. The logic of John Major's anti-Quebec case, after all, is that we should curb our nationalist instincts and opt for immersion in the greater trading area of Europe — none of us, after all, wants an uncertain relationship with our major trading partners. By extension, he would presumably claim that nationalism is dangerous and divisive. But mainstream Tory opinion has always held that Britain needs to maintain its national identity, to stay clear of the dead hand of federalism, and prevent the erosion of British institutions by Brussels bureaucracy. Not for nothing does he claim common cause with Jacques Chirac on the need to

form a "Europe des patries". This of course is precisely the case that Quebec has been arguing with reference to the Canadian federation. The province wants freedom to exercise its separate language, separate traditions, to express the fierce pride it has in its own institutions. So does Britain. Yet in some ways the Quebecois have less reason to grumble. Canada has used only the loosest of reins in dealing with the Quebec government, and has listened far more closely to its grievances than Brussels does to Westminster. It has welcomed Quebec's separate culture and made it part of the modern Canada. It has adopted French as a dual language, has had two French-Canadian Prime Ministers, has allowed Quebec to raise its own taxes and handle its own affairs without interference. Yet still the Quebecois wanted more.

Britain, by contrast, finds its grievances regularly rejected by Brussels. Its laws overturned, its institutions eroded by centralised decisions. The crisis should be in London, not Montreal. A decision about a single currency, when and if it comes, might just force the case for a referendum. It will have little to do with the fiscal arguments and a lot to do with national pride.

But it is not only Tories — Eurosceptic or Europhile — who may find the Quebec parallel delicate. Labour too is presented with some intellectual difficulties when it comes to reforming the UK constitution. For despite currently enjoying far more autonomy than Labour plans for Scotland, half of the Quebec population still yearns for full independence. They have known wealth, tolerance, a liberal regime, but none of these has apparently proved enough. For those who argue the "slippery slope" case — that devolution simply acts as an incentive for a greater degree of autonomy — Quebec seems to be persuasive evidence. The Scottish Nationalists are poised to make maximum capital out of it.

However, there is a crucial difference. Scots, unlike the Quebecois, have never favoured independence. In poll after poll they have voted unequivocally for devolution, not partition, but a continued union. They have had just as long to listen to the debate as voters in Quebec, and time after time they have voted for the devolutionist parties (Labour and Liberal Democrats) which have offered them a halfway house, rather than the breakaway party (the SNP) which proposes full separation.

So if there is an overriding lesson from Quebec, it is that the wishes of the voters, when clearly spelt out, cannot for ever be ignored. They can be deflected, or deferred, but sooner or later they have to be confronted. Logic may persuade people up to a point, but it will generally wilt in the face of conviction. And that is as true for Britain and Europe as it is for Scotland and the UK.



Society under sedation

A good joke, that the MP who tried to make Page 3 pin-ups illegal should want to make cannabis legal. Which leads on to worse excesses, marmarises or marijuana? But I did not come to mock: Clare Short is an honest woman if ever there was one. Ask what she thinks, and she'll tell you. This is attractive and commands respect. It really was not fair of Frostie, interviewing her in her shiny new role as transport spokeswoman, to switch the points and send her crashing into the buffers of drug law.

Inevitably, she spoke her mind, and like many other good minds, including those of police, doctors and judges, hers is inclining towards changes in the law on cannabis.

For, as her Conservative colleague Alan Duncan also points out, prohibition is not working. Three million people, maybe more, roll the odd joint: there is a patent danger in the fact that every time they light up they place themselves on the wrong side of the law, the same side as the more obviously lethal hard-drug culture. For the casual user, especially the young one, it is as if the occasional slice of chocolate cheesecake were to bring you into complicity with an international crime ring and leave you open to blackmail. Outlawing cannabis outlaws an awful lot of people, who may well, particularly if young, tend to the view that you might as well hang for a sheep as a lamb. So they try something stronger.

All Clare Short actually said was that "we should not be cowards"; that we must face these truths and "see if we can't organise the whole thing better". In a properly intellectual, unhygienic context, such a mild suggestion would cause little stir. There is a problem about cannabis, and those who govern are supposed to look at problems and weigh up solutions. Even if, in the end, they reject them. You never get anywhere by just shouting "Outrageous!" and "Loony Left!" (especially, Dr Mawhinney, if there are known supporters of legalisation rather close to home, such as your own PPS, Alan Duncan). But there can be no sober discussion in the present knife-edge political climate. With a Labour Party trying harder to be lovable than anyone since Shirley Temple, and a wretched, hissing mass of cornered Conservatives fighting for their lives, it would be silly to expect proper debate on anything

A nation of potential addicts cannot afford to legalise cannabis

difficult. For the moment, we can expect nothing more creative than the occasional speech about the desirability of children doing their homework, followed by an argument about which party most sincerely wants them to do it.

Outside Westminster, of course, legalisation of pot is discussed like mad, and not only at smart metropolitan dinner parties where an after-dinner spill is far more socially acceptable than a fastidious, high-cholesterol after-dinner mint. At Scotland Yard, the head of criminal intelligence has talked of licensing;

in certain severe illnesses, notably multiple sclerosis, sufferers find it a boon and are outraged, reasonably, that it is not made available to them in the same way as morphine is given to those in terminal pain. If you are slowly and miserably declining with multiple sclerosis and only hash helps, why should you have to find yourself a pusher and involve your carers in criminal activity? Medicinal use is well overdue for review.

But that is only part of it. True legalisers want the drug for recreation. They endlessly compare tobacco, a legal drug, known to kill, with cannabis, an illegal one which has never been proven to kill anybody.

This argument always strikes me as odd. It is flawed partly because of the American research which suggests all kinds of unpleasant effects of heavy puffing — from aggravation of the usual smoker's diseases to sinister stuff about permanent depression, psychosis and focal intelligence. That should make anybody pause. But the comparison is also flawed because of the difference between what the two kinds of cigarette actually do to you. Tobacco, for all its horrible

smell and perils, has always been found by its users to aid concentration and mental effort. Many of the best brains I know function best in a haze of filthy smoke. It is a pity, especially if you share their office, but it is obvious that the tobacco does not fuddle them or impair their competence.

Cannabis is different. As a student in the last pot boom, I tried it twice and became suitably warm and fuzzy and exalted. I began to see deep meaning in the lyrics of Sergeant Pepper, and to believe that I had found The Answer. However, on coming round I could not help noticing that I had forgotten the question. The state, vaguely pleasant as it was, led nowhere.

I stopped, and thereafter had to put up with the company of friends who didn't. They were hell. They lay around in fragrant clouds, uttering solemn banalities and laughing hysterically at jokes I had made which I knew were only mildly funny. They were as easily amused as toddlers, and far less rewarding company. With so much else to be excited about — youth, Keats, protest marches about Czechoslovakia — pot seemed unnecessary. If you need to drop out for an evening, you can always get drunk; and there is something balanced and reassuring about the way that the hangover turns up to remind you that there is a price to pay for chemical euphoria. It stops you doing it too often.

With cannabis, there is no such brake. If you are too depressed or discouraged or lazy to get on with life, you just stay stoned. It is not technically addictive, but we all know users who have grown increasingly dependent on feeling warm and hazy, untroubled and benevolent; and brainless and spineless too.

However, there was a time when I wanted it legalised, to break the link with hard drugs and to allow free citizens the right to addle their free brains. Full legalisation seemed the only option for Britain, since we are

such anxious jobsworths that we could never manage the blind-eye policies which seem to work in parts of Europe. So I supported it. It was with a shock of surprise that this time round, I found that I am against it, for a new reason.

The difference is that then, I envisaged frequent users being a small minority: leftover hippies, experimenting teenagers who would outgrow it, and sick people for whom it would be a comfort. The rest of Britain, I thought, would get on with life, go to work, pursue ambitions, play games, walk the dog, help with the homework, and so on. Supermarkets searching for Deila Smith's latest miracle ingredient. Pot would stay where it belongs, on the margins.

But I no longer see Britain that way. There are too many people now who feel trapped and oppressed. Millions are out of work and broke, millions more are hanging on to jobs by working absurd hours; the disaster of the housing boom-and-bust, coupled with family breakdown, has left many with no financial margin for relaxation or no time for it. We are worried sick about our children's education and future, dismayed by the cost of our parents' old age and unable to bear thinking about our own. The Government is disliked and mistrusted, the Opposition untried, the churches helpless. The French are bombing paradise and the PM won't even wag a finger. If they legalised pot now, we'd all be on it. A great sweet-smelling cloud would hang over Britain night and day.

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Libby Purves

How the banks tumbled

Graham Searjeant says Nick Leeson's future is looking up

In the East, saving your face is important. In the West, saving your bacon is vital. In either case, it pays to show that someone else was to blame, or that disaster was not what it seemed. The collapse of 200-year-old Barings Bank in February left a lot of egg on the faces of bankers, traders and regulators from the City of London to Singapore via Osaka — and endangered their bacon. Nick Leeson, the supple expatriate whose hidden gambling losses were the agent of Barings' default, looked likely to pay dearly for his sins to protect others.

The Singapore authorities were embarrassed because their Money Exchange (Simec) had been the theatre of Mr Leeson's activities and failed to stem them. This was no help to their ambition to be the prime international financial centre of the region, which had stopped Simec liaising with "rival" watchdogs in Japan. Singapore's prosecutors eagerly filed charges carrying a jail sentence of up to 14 years — about one day per £100,000 lost on Japanese share futures. Chang Jial has long been an instrument in Singapore's campaigns to clean up and promote its financial markets, used to warn foreigners not to make a monkey of Singapore rules. Back in 1979, Richard Tarrant, a leading British businessman, was jailed for four months. He returned home to tell a harrowing tale of life at the notorious maximum security prison.

The British authorities were keen for Mr Leeson — whose travel was providentially interrupted in Frankfurt — to return East, rather than continue to London. They stressed that the cause of Barings' insolvency was a Singapore matter. If there were, crimes — and Mr Leeson promised the Serious Fraud Office to plead guilty to one — they had been committed in Singapore. The Bank of England merely tried to pick up the pieces, although it signally failed after a weekend of City buck-passing.

Eight months on, Mr Leeson's fate does not look so dire after all. No longer are all the fingers pointing insistently at him. The story has moved on, and the mug-trader is looking criminally past. Millions are out of work and broke, millions more are hanging on to jobs by working absurd hours; the disaster of the housing boom-and-bust, coupled with family breakdown, has left many with no financial margin for relaxation or no time for it. We are worried sick about our children's education and future, dismayed by the cost of our parents' old age and unable to bear thinking about our own. The Government is disliked and mistrusted, the Opposition untried, the churches helpless. The French are bombing paradise and the PM won't even wag a finger. If they legalised pot now, we'd all be on it. A great sweet-smelling cloud would hang over Britain night and day.

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Revisionist

OXFORD UNIVERSITY has lost one of its most eminent historians, Jonathan Clark. The world-renowned expert on the 18th century has been forced to resign from All Souls College, Oxford, says an article in the November issue of *Prospect* magazine.

Clark's mail is being "redirected to an Oxford address", after it was discovered that he was moonlighting at Kansas University. Holding down two posts in this way may not be the worst crime an academic can commit, but amid the dreaming spires it is considered a severe breach of high-table etiquette.

For Clark — no longer of Oxford — it is a bitter end to a long struggle to keep his fellowship at the college, after many whispering campaigns against him. The young don has made few friends in the liberal establishment with pioneering revisionist works such as *English Society 1688-1832*, which tore a hole in the left-wing scholarly consensus.

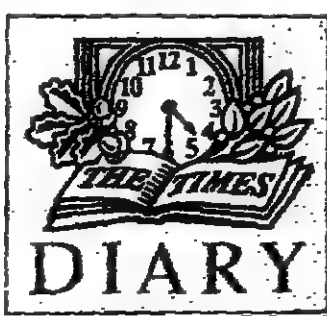
It may be that the High Tory don has finally fallen foul of the left-liberal conspiracy he has long fought against. But the rumour around the university is that he was the first academic victim of the

Internet: his lectures at Kansas were spotted by a don surfing the information superhighway.

President Yeltsin's incapacity because of heart problems resulted in a diplomatic hiccup yesterday for Andrew Wood, the Cambridge-educated mandarin who is our new Ambassador in Moscow. He was due to have presented his credentials to the President — an



"Is that the gallery or the abattoir?"



humour to which he had been looking forward with feverish excitement but which has now been postponed indefinitely.

It's a hoot

AS HE GREETED Jacques Chirac this weekend, John Major didn't appear unduly concerned about the Greenpeace and CND demonstrators looting about Chequers in protest at the French Government's nuclear tests in the Pacific.

The Prime Minister was quick to point out in his welcoming speech that he had been in Paris on the night of M. Chirac's election victory. And that just as 500 horn-blowing protesters were likely to keep M. Chirac awake at Chequers, he had been kept up all night in Paris because of the man's whistle-blowing supporters.

The French delegation were apparently charmed by the hooligans' banshee-wailing, however, thinking they were listening to distant bagpipes.

Video Darcy

THE SUCCESS of *Pride and Prejudice* has caught the BBC unaware. There is such demand for the video, which has sold nearly 100,000 copies, that the BBC's "reprinting" resources are under strain. There is now concern that videos such as *Absolutely Fabulous*, *Nor the Nine O'Clock News* and *Red Dwarf* will not make the shop shelves for the Christmas market.

"We have had to stop duplicating all our other products," said a representative. "All the machines are going to be put over to *Pride and Prejudice*. It's tough and go as to whether we'll get the other videos in time for Christmas."

Abe's babe

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, who opposed slavery, may himself have been the victim of human bondage. A new biography in the United States suggests that his wedding was a shotgun affair, and that Mary Todd, the daughter of a



Abraham Lincoln and his bride: was he under pressure?

prominent banker from Kentucky, marched an indifferent young Lincoln up the aisle after becoming pregnant.

The thesis, expounded in *Abraham Lincoln: From Scrooge to Prophet*, is based on an investigation by the respected academic and author Wayne Temple of "secret trusts" which the couple conducted without chaperone. "Honest Abe" was resigned to his fate — he reportedly told a friend: "I shall have to marry that girl," and went to his wedding with the look of a "beast going to the slaughter". The birth



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certificate of their first child is convenient, to say the least. It states that Robert Todd Lincoln arrived in the world nine months to the day after the wedding.

The fashion-buyer turned astrologist Shelley von Strunckel (*Cancer*) must feel her star is in the ascendant. She is to inherit the late Patrick Walker's column in the *London Evening Standard*, where he wrote his predictions for 15 years.

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IN CROSS

THE Bank of England's tactics have changed too. Mr Leeson has lost his diabolic function in the Bank's version of events. After the sacrifice of one middle-ranking official, the Bank's Governor, Eddie George, argues that the demise of Barings was not such a disaster after all. The failure of a bank once synonymous with City power does not prove that the Bank had failed in its supervision. It was just a side-effect of competitive markets, making Mr Leeson merely an agent of market forces.

In a speech to Japanese bankers in Tokyo last week, the Governor argued that central banks should only try to save banks if their demise would set off general panic or have a domino effect on others. To save an individual bank, however "worthy" would introduce "a serious competitive distortion in their favour and a serious degree of moral hazard into the system as a whole".

That was brave. Throughout the Far East, the central bank's failure to stop Barings defaulting was greeted with shock, as an appalling loss of face for London and a terminal blow to the prestige of pint-sized City merchant banks. They were right. Within months, most of London's remaining quoted investment banks had lost their independence — the classic domino effect.

For Mr Leeson, however, mental gymnastics in London and Singapore make the future a little less bleak.

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Women of the Year

For the first time in the history of the award, the Women of the Year competition has been held in the United Kingdom. The award is given to the woman who has made the most significant contribution to society in the past year. The winner of the award is Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. She was awarded the award for her leadership and her commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom. The award is presented by the Women's Institute, a national organization of women. The award is given to the woman who has made the most significant contribution to society in the past year. The winner of the award is Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. She was awarded the award for her leadership and her commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom. The award is presented by the Women's Institute, a national organization of women.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr. J. P. Jones and Mrs. J. P. Jones, both of the City of London, are to be married on November 1st. The ceremony will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral. The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. P. Jones and Mrs. J. P. Jones. The groom is the son of Mr. J. P. Jones and Mrs. J. P. Jones. The wedding will be a private ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. P. Jones and Mrs. J. P. Jones. The groom is the son of Mr. J. P. Jones and Mrs. J. P. Jones. The wedding will be a private ceremony.

TA promotion

The Times is pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. J. P. Jones to the position of Editor. Mr. Jones has been with the Times for many years and has been a member of the editorial staff. He has been a member of the editorial staff for many years and has been a member of the editorial staff for many years. He has been a member of the editorial staff for many years and has been a member of the editorial staff for many years. He has been a member of the editorial staff for many years and has been a member of the editorial staff for many years.

OBITUARIES

CAPTAIN GEORGE PHILLIPS

Captain George Phillips, DSO, GM, wartime submarine commander, died on September 29 aged 90. He was born in Rangoon on October 5, 1904.



Phillips coming ashore in his heavy-weather Ursula suit after attacking the German cruiser Leipzig in December 1939

AN EARLY submariner hero of the Second World War, George Phillips won a DSO as a commanding officer in 1939 and, later, a fine reputation when he led the famous 10th Submarine Flotilla during the final campaigns in the Mediterranean.

In November 1937 he took command of the submarine *Ursula*, then under construction. Commissioned in October 1938, *Ursula* was one of the small "U" class submarines that were later to prove so effective in coastal waters and in the Mediterranean.

The name "*Ursula*" has been applied to a style of submarine's foul-weather clothing for so long now that even many submariners have forgotten why. But it was Phillips who, fed up with standard Admiralty oilskins, which were quite unsuitable for the really wet conditions on the conning towers of small submarines, adapted a one-piece motorcycling outfit. This was owned by his navigating officer, afterwards Lieutenant-Commander A. D. Piper. Proving tests with a fire hose were followed by a two-piece version which was adopted as standard issue for submarines.

Based at HMS *Elgin* at Blyth on the outbreak of war, *Ursula* was engaged in the first tentative grappling that was to determine the naval balance in the North Sea and in Scandinavian waters around Jutland and the Skagerrak. On December 12, five German destroyer escorts supported by the light cruisers *Leipzig*, *Nürnberg* and *Köln* laid a large contact minefield off the Tyne. On their return, they were attacked by Lieutenant-Commander Bickford in the submarine *Salmon* who achieved an astonishing pair of torpedo hits from very long range, damaging both *Leipzig* and *Nürnberg*.

On December 14, protected by five escorts, *Leipzig* was limping down the Danish coast when she was sighted by Phillips who, despite shallow water and sandbanks, pressed home an attack. His salvo of torpedoes missed the cruiser but sank the destroyer escort *P9*. For his part in this important action, which cooled German enthusiasm for minelaying, Phillips was awarded the DSO and an exceptional early promotion to commander.

In March 1940, while blockading the Kattegat, Phillips sank the 5,000-ton ore carrier *Heddenheim* just outside neutral waters. This ship had pretended to be Estonian, but after Phillips had surfaced and fired a shot across its bows, the escaping crew proved to be German.

Appointed to the *Elgin* in command of a submarine squadron, he was awarded the George Medal for his personal courage when, on August 8, 1941, there was a serious fire in a Norwegian submarine lying alongside the depot ship. This happened during the charging of batteries, when inadequate ventilation caused an explosive build-up of hydrogen gas. Without regard for the danger, Phillips led the rescue of several injured and asphyxiated sailors from inside the submarine hull.

George Chesterman Phillips joined the Royal Navy in 1916 and first went to sea in 1922 in the light cruiser *Hawkins*; then the flagship of the China Station. After a tour in the

mines, Admiral Cunningham, the C-in-C, remarked that the work of the 8th and 10th submarine flotillas was a major factor in the success of the allied armies during the desperate eleventh hour attempts by the enemy to reinforce Tunisia.

During these operations and subsequently in support of Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily, as well as the shift in focus towards the Aegean that followed the invasion of Italy, Phillips's leadership was much tested. Responsible for morale, technical excellence and the planning of operations, he also had to fill the gap left by his predecessor, the renowned and ebullient Captain "Shrimp" Simpson. But in spite of his quieter and more retiring personality he was much loved by all his subordinates.

In 1945 he was in charge of administration and personnel for the submarine force at HMS *Dolphin*. In the following year he assumed command of Fort Blockhouse at Gosport and the 5th Submarine Squadron.

He retired at his own request in 1947 to take up the farming of his smallholding in Hampshire. At about this time he received the princely sum of £100 as a prize for the invention of the *Ursula* suit. This was spent on a cow called *Lottie*, but the first calf and many successors were of course named *Ursula*.

During the next few years Phillips moved to the West Country with his family and farmed a number of smallholdings, finally settling at West Mersea on the Blackwater in Essex. In 1963 he was director of the Foundation Appeal for Essex University and raised his target of £1 million, to be matched by the Government, in a year. In fact, he raised an extra £1 million, earning the gratitude of Rab Butler, its Chancellor, and Dr Albert Sloman, its first Vice-Chancellor, as this enabled the new university to do things which would otherwise have been impossible.

Described as ingenious and optimistic, Phillips was a keen sailor and built his own Albacore racing dinghy as well as gutting and renovating the family craft — "two rooms and a pigsty" — in western Ireland.

He had a son by his first marriage and a daughter by his second. He married, thirdly, in 1978, Pamela Hunt, who survives him.

IAN GREIG

Ian Greig, a founder of the Monday Club, died on October 12 aged 70. He was born on October 26, 1924.

AN acknowledged authority on subversion and counter-insurgency, Ian Greig was known for the alert stance he took against communist infiltration of the West. He spoke out strongly about dangers to democratic freedoms. *Frankie* labelled him an enemy of the state, and many of his fellow Europeans accused him of seeing "reds under the beds". But Greig maintained that the reds were not only under the beds but in them, too.

He made his position clear in his first major book, *The Assault on the West* (1968), an unequivocal study to which his close friend Sir Alec Douglas-Home (who died a few days before him) contributed a foreword. "The lesson of this book is crystal clear," Douglas-Home wrote. "It is that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

Greig was always to enjoy recalling a performance of *Viva! Viva! Regina* when the audience was filled with Soviet diplomats who were expelled the next day. After talk of "spies in our midst" in the play, Sir Alec winked at Greig and his wife and advised them to look at the morning papers.

Greig agreed with Brigadier (later General Sir) Frank Kinson that British Forces were insufficiently educated in coping with terrorist and revolutionary activity. Both men felt that other countries' soldiers were more informed on both this and on psychological warfare propaganda. Yet Greig was often castigated for illuminating this deficiency.

Ian Greig was born in London but he was of Scottish descent from the McLennans of Col in his mother's side and the Earls of Stirling on his father's. He was educated at

Stowe, from where, at the age of 18, he was commissioned into a cavalry regiment and went on to serve in Holland in the aftermath of Arrnhem.

He used to joke that he was probably the first soldier to take Germany by mistake, recounting the story of how once, in his rank, he got separated from his regiment and suddenly found himself surrounded by German soldiers all throwing down their weapons and raising their hands in the air. Unable to take quite so many prisoners single-handed he sent his second-in-command back for reinforcements.

When the war was over Greig remained for a while in the Army, travelling to the trouble spots of first Aden and then Palestine with the peace-keeping forces. He was fascinated by Palestine and his experiences there triggered his preoccupation with terrorism.

Always interested in politics, he became a Conservative constituency agent before embarking on his career as a journalist and broadcaster in the overseas service and armed forces network. But he would often return to his beloved Scotland, and it was there that he met his future wife, Isabel Campbell, whom he married in 1959. She worked as a researcher on all his projects.

In the early 1960s, Greig and a group of friends started the Conservative pressure group, the Monday Club, with the encouragement of Lord Salisbury. Greig had become concerned about the fate of the African continent after Macmillan's famous "wind of change" speech. Former colonies, he argued, were being thrown dangerously open to socialist influences. The club's foreign affairs group published several papers on Rhodesia and South Africa.

In its early days, the club included Julian Amery, James

Molynaux and John Biggs-Davison, who was to become Greig's greatest friend. Together they played a significant role in shaping Conservative politics until the end of the 1970s. But though, as a founder, Greig remained a life member of the Monday Club his interest in the organization gradually declined and in its latter years he was completely divorced from it.

Together with his wife and John Biggs-Davison, Greig made frequent visits to Ulster, often finding himself marooned in the most dangerous spots, largely due to what, by his own confession, were appalling navigational skills. He would ask his wife to get out of the car to request directions, feeling that she cut a less suspicious figure.

He wrote about the IRA for specialist journals and in recent years contributed political briefings and pamphlets to *Friends of the Union*, including *The Green and the Red: The Influence of the Ulster Left on the Situation in Northern Ireland*. The politics of Ulster was a subject which was to remain close to his heart and at the time of his death, he was preparing a piece on the many "punishment beatings" inflicted by terrorist gangs on young people. He was a compassionate man and this violence affected him deeply.

Greig was also known for his charitable work. He and his wife had travelled in South Vietnam during the war, and he wholeheartedly supported her in her efforts to help Vietnamese war orphans. After the Harrods bombing, they also set up the Combined Emergency Services Fund to help service people injured by terrorist action. In 1989 they extended the charity's work through the John Biggs-Davison Memorial Trust.

Ian Greig is survived by his wife Isabel.

MICHAEL DUTFIELD



Michael Duffield with the widow of Serete Khama, Ruth

Michael Duffield, TV producer, was killed on October 27 in an accident while riding his motorcycle aged 48. He was born on July 19, 1947.

MIKE DUTFIELD was acknowledged as one of the outstanding television documentary journalists of his generation. He produced BBC and ITV programmes on the front line from Ulster, Beirut, Bosnia, Sudan and southern Africa. He also made thoughtful films on more domestic topics in Britain.

His approach was brave but never foolhardy; his concern for the lives of his entire crew meant that he was the safest person to be with when the going got tough, as it invariably did. His films were direct, hardhitting and sceptical of the authorities. Like all broad-

cast producers whose work is to direct the filming and manage the whole assignment, he was less known to the public than reporters who appear on screen. But many of the famous faces know first-hand the irresistibly zestful contribution that made him a larger-than-life character. Although he excelled at such joint journalistic ventures, in much of his recent work he personally combined the work of both reporter and producer.

From his own experience in South Africa he was committed to telling the full story of Serete Khama's battle with the British and South African governments to marry a white British woman — a project he brought movingly to the screen in 1990, and for which he also wrote the book *A Marriage of Inconvenience*. In 1989 he won the Royal Tele-

vision Society award for his Northern Ireland series *Families at War*. His most recent film *The Fall of Saigon*, in which he tracked down both the last Americans to leave Vietnam in 1975 and the Vietnamese colleagues they abandoned, was described by one American critic as the "documentary of the decade".

One of Duffield's special interests, arising from his visits to the Middle East, was the resurgence of Islam. His series *From Beirut to Bosnia* investigated with the reporter Robert Fisk, the revival of fundamentalism in ways that challenged the viewer to see beyond the stereotype of extremists and terrorism. He had been preparing for trips to Algeria and Tajikistan to document the ferocity of the inter-Islamic fighting there when, although an expert "biker", he met his death.

After Cambridge, where he read English at Caius College, and gained a boxing Blue as a light heavyweight, he went with his young wife to work in Zambia and Rhodesia. But Duffield got his first experience in journalism when he joined the *Radio Times* as a reporter. He spent four and a half years in South Africa reporting some of the worst excesses of apartheid — including the 1976 Soweto uprising, during which he was briefly jailed.

He returned to Britain and worked in BBC television and was soon a challenging and accomplished producer in, successively, *Tonight*, *Newsnight*, *Panorama* and in the mid-1980s Thames TV's *This Week*. Most recently he had been a partner in the leading independent production company, Barracough Carey.

He is survived by his wife Heather and two daughters.

CARLETON HETHERINGTON

Carleton Hetherington, CBE, Secretary of the Association of County Councils, 1974-80, died on October 15 aged 79. He was born on February 13, 1916.



AS THE highly respected chief central official of the nation's county councils for more than 16 years, Carleton Hetherington was a powerful advocate of local democracy. He also exercised great influence on issues which are still current, including the structure of local government, the role of county councils, regional government and central-local government relations.

Arthur Carleton Hetherington was educated at St Bees School, Cumbria, and admitted solicitor in 1938. His start as a solicitor in local government was interrupted in 1939 when he joined the Royal Artillery, being demobbed in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; his last post was Staff Officer to the Austrian Control Commission. On his return to civilian life he made rapid progress, becoming Clerk of the Peace and Clerk of the County Council of Cheshire in 1959.

In 1964 he was persuaded by his fellow county clerks to seek to fill the sudden vacancy in the post of Secretary of the County Councils Association (which became the Association of County Councils in 1974). He — and they — realised the importance of a voluntary association retaining the confidence and trust of the membership. The direct staff of the association, although experienced as a whole, then at least not take the job home. "Problems of the Rate Support Grant are as nothing compared with what the family are doing."

He leaves his widow Xenia and three sons.

time and effort which those concerned willingly gave (and still do) with the agreement of their employing authorities. But it not only provided a vast pool of expertise; it helped to avoid the danger, which Hetherington recognised, of the association becoming an intermediate government.

Hetherington also recognised the sensitive role of officials, believing in a partnership between the officers and the elected councillors who had the right to make the decisions. He therefore always fought hard for the officers to be given the opportunity to offer advice and state a view, even if that made it difficult for the elected member to make the decision.

The other major problem which he tackled successfully was the reconciliation of the role of the association in representing the views of individual member councils with the need for the association to speak, if not for local government as a whole, then at least for county government. Hetherington always defended the right of any council to disagree with the association and take such action as it thought fit, and also saw the need for the value of presenting central

government with a case backed by all his members. It was remarkably rare to find opposition from individual authorities when the association as a whole had made a decision.

Hetherington acknowledged that he "quite enjoyed a good argument". When the occasion required, he was more than capable of ceasing to be his normal soft-spoken self: he was never shy of recalling occasions when, to use his own understatement, "it got heated and there was a lot of table banging".

On the international scene he used his position as secretary-general of the British Sections of the International Union of Local Authorities and the Council of European Municipalities not only to represent the views of British local government but to help and advise his friends and colleagues from all five continents. He worked quietly and efficiently in the corridors of power in Brussels and Strasbourg, making a wide circle of friends throughout the world.

Hetherington still found time for other activities. He was secretary of the Local Authorities Management Services and Computer Committee and a director of Municipal Mutual Insurance. He was a member of the Home Office Departmental Committee on Jury Service, 1963-65. Hetherington was appointed MBE (Military) in 1944 and advanced to CBE in 1971.

He attached great importance to his home life. Although it was inevitable that he should take work home, he always emphasised that he did not take the job home. "Problems of the Rate Support Grant are as nothing compared with what the family are doing."

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Sheffield mathematics teacher gets sums right to put his side into third place

Transfers prove solution to the ITF equation

Kevin Kickers may be top of the ITF league once again, but if Mike Jones has anything to do with it, their days are numbered. Mr Jones is the proud selector of eight ITF teams, the sixth of which has moved up into third place behind Jessicas Darlings 4 and is poised for an attack on the Kickers.

Every week Mr Jones scans the fixture lists and dips in and out of the transfer market to pick the right players for the right matches. "It's a case of manipulating the players for each match," he said. On Friday, he bought Ian Dowie, of West Ham, for their match against Sheffield Wednesday and, sure enough, was rewarded when Dowie scored the winner at Hillsborough.

The stalwarts of his ever-changing team have been Kevin Keegan as manager — "with Newcastle doing so well, he's been in from the start" — Peter Schmeichel in goal and the midfield of Mark Draper, Jamie Redknapp, Mark Pemberton and Craig Hignett. But while the midfield heart of the team may have earned him 60 points so far, Hignett is on his way out. Mr Jones has his eyes on Trevor Sinclair for the future.

Steve Bould is another recent acquisition, bought five weeks ago to join Gary Fallister in the centre of defence with Rob Jones and Gary Charles at full back. Nicky Barnby is the last member of the team, joining Dowie in attack in a £4.75 million partnership.

How long that duo will last remains to be seen as Mr Jones has plans for a big-name striker to start earning big points on a regular basis. "It would be nice to have a Yeboah or a Ferdinand up front," he said, "but that means re-jigging the whole team to find the money for them." The calculations involved should not prove too difficult as Mr Jones is a mathematics teacher at Meadowhead School in Sheffield. "No, the figures don't prove too much of a problem,



but I have a problem keeping track of all the ins and outs in every team."

To make matters as simple as possible, he has named his eight teams Jones Boys one to eight. The selection of players was difficult enough without finding witty names for every squad. And even with team six doing so well, there is still hope for the others as another variant on the Jones Boys dream team is just outside the leaderboard.

"The trick is to make sure you have a team of 11 players who will play every week," he said. "It's as simple as that." If your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can

move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. ITF has a transfer system which allows you to change up to two players each week. Which player you want to offload and who you replace him with is up to you, although you must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (ie, a full back with a full back) and it is imperative to keep within your £35 million budget at all times.

The ITF transfer system also allows you to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Cup Premiership. He would then no longer be eligible for ITF and would have to be replaced. Any overseas or Endsleigh Insurance League players who move into the Premiership during the season will become available for transfer.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 333 331 line during the times given. Calls will be charged at 39 pence per minute, cheap rate, 49 pence per minute at other times. If you are calling from the Republic of Ireland, you must call 004 499 020 0631.

When making a transfer, make sure your new team does not contain more than two individuals from the same Premiership club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the £50,000 prize or the monthly £500 prizes.

With ITF, not only are you pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of *The Times*, you are also matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Association, Premiership players have entered sides of their own, and Simon Webster, the West Ham United centre back, gives his selection on the opposite page. All matches in the Premiership and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs count and your players and manager win and lose you points. With Kevin Kickers continuing to set a strong pace, it is time for you to delve into the transfer market?

□ All general queries regarding Interactive Team Football should be directed to 01582 488 122, and transfer inquiries to 0171 757 7016.



Sinclair, the in-form Queens Park Rangers midfielder, is being eyed as a possible transfer into the Jones Boys Six selection of Mike Jones

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All FA Cup Premiership and FA Cup matches in the 1995-96 season count for points. Every goal and penalty counts.

POINTS SCORED		
Goalkeeper	4pts	Striker
Keeps clean sheet	3pts	Scores goal
Full back/Central defender	3pts	Appearance
Keeps clean sheet	3pts	Team wins
Midfield player	1pt	Team draws
Keeps clean sheet	2pts	
Scores goal		

POINTS DEDUCTED		
Goalkeeper	2pts	Booked
Concedes goal	1pt	Concedes penalty
Full back/Central defender	1pt	Misses penalty
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal
All players	3pts	Manager
Sent off		Team loses

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



HOW TO USE THE ITF

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The line is open from 8am on Tuesday to 11pm on Sunday and from 8am on Sunday and Monday to 11pm on Tuesday. It is also open at 3pm on the day of the transfer deadline. You may make up to two transfers a week. A transfer is a permanent move and you must wait a week before making another transfer. A player transferred out of your team will be available for selection for example a full back for a full back.

When purchasing a player you must ensure that the transfer fee does not exceed your £35 million budget (even if your next transfer would result in an overspend). You can only purchase two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The score of the player transferred out is taken at the time of transfer; he then ceases to score for you.



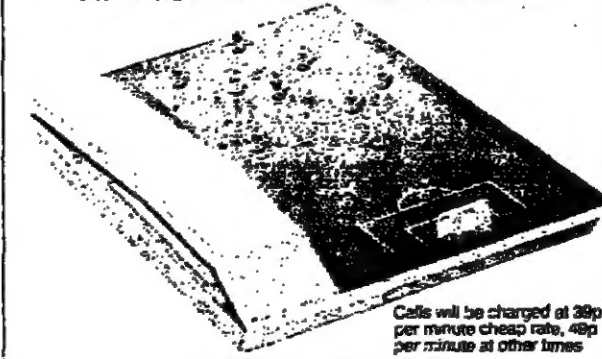
THE WEEK'S TRANSFERS IN ITF

Code	Player	IN	Club	Value
0056	P. Johnson	IN	Leeds United	£1.50
0111	W. McInally	IN	Blackburn Rovers	£2.50
4107	B. Johnson	IN	Southampton	£1.50
Code	Player	OUT	Club	Value
0056	D. O'Leary	OUT	Leeds United	£0.50
0002	D. Coyle	OUT	Bolton Wanderers	£0.75

THE LEADING 250 SELECTORS IN INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Kevin Kickers	(K James)	236
2	Jessicas Darlings 4	(Mr A. Nadison)	226
3	Jones Boys Six	(M Jones)	221
4	Twilight United	(P Doherty)	220
5	Rosies Supers	(P Sutton)	218
6	Nookies Beers	(S Cozart)	218
7	The Subjugators	(M Ayres)	217
8	Rosedale Rangers	(Mr D Green)	217
9	Gohls Gods 65	(Mr B Gohl)	217
10	Phylic TV	(T Vardy)	215
11	Stevens Lions 3	(S Brewster)	214
12	Madrid Knights	(R Johnson)	214
13	Tommy Cockles XI	(Mr P Johnson)	213
14	Loxtons Longshots	(C Loxton)	212
15	Bassetts Bouncers	(J Hurd)	212
16	Nigels Right Foot	(Mr D Patel)	212
17	Runwell United	(R Barnham)	211
18	Mean Machine	(R Barnham)	210
19	Formby Flyers	(A Norion)	210
20	Long Live The Queen	(L Wilson)	210
21	Belfast Rangers	(Mr D Crowe)	210
22	Stevens Lions 7	(S Brewster)	209
23	The Young Guns	(S Shepherd)	209
24	Harrington Inter	(Mr D Lovell)	208
25	Teddy Five	(Mr B Beer)	208
26	Al's Alscorns	(A Hancock)	208
27	Inetta	(S Daly)	207
28	Transporter	(A Jenkinson)	207
29	Fergies Fury	(P Simpson)	207
30	The Premier Raiders 1	(Mrs C Elal)	207
31	Nerou	(G Beldjani)	206
32	Becky's Babes	(I Ready)	206
33	Gary's Heroes	(-)	206
34	Gary Pearce	(G Pearce)	205
35	Tyes Blue Noses	(Mr S Tye)	205
36	Dreamer Flap	(Mr G Wesson)	205
37	No Defence Ok	(J Parkwood)	205
38	Waiting Warriors	(P Shanks)	205
39	The Good Bad & Ugly	(K Booth)	205
40	Partisans	(E Donald)	204
41	Ohne	(R Matthews)	204
42	Kot Utd	(P Patterson)	204
43	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	204
44	Jeomond 1860	(S Murray)	204
45	Here We Go	(Mr S Smith)	203
46	Francis Caldwell FC	(F Caldwell)	203
47	Glow In The Dark	(J Smith)	203
48	Waters Wanderers	(Waters Wanderers)	203
49	Star United	(T McCuskey)	202
50	Albans	(Mr J Davis)	202
51	Fair Fair Flapster	(C Woodward)	202
52	Shrew Voles	(H Brasher)	202
53	Weldon Wanderers FC	(S Lea)	202
54	The French Do	(C Youds)	201
55	The Cake Eaters	(Mr S Hughes)	201
56	M I Blues	(P Harden)	201
57	The Conjurers	(Mr D Farmer)	201
58	Wolves Of Fenit	(S Adams)	201
59	They're Here	(Mr P Johnson)	201
60	Bora In Tashkent	(Mr D McMahon)	201
61	Oh There It Is!	(P Jones)	201
62	Fudgets Fudgets	(J Abu Hejeh)	200
63	Barnet FC	(P Hanna)	200
64	Jones Boys Four	(Mr P Johnson)	200
65	My Cat Booley	(H Davies)	200
66	Brown Montigo	(A Jassa)	200
67	Power House	(K Brown)	200
68	Sunderland Stars	(K Brown)	199

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



Call the ITF hotline on 0891 774 796

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. The line is open from noon today.

69	Inbetweeners	(Mr A Sikora)	199
70	Whitley Wanderers	(S Whitley)	199
71	Nirvana FC	(N Donovan)	199
72	Newcastle Browns 2	(S MacLennan)	199
73	G Force	(W Gayle)	198
74	Dirty Boogers	(G Fallonfield)	198
75	Sharon's Buds	(Mr D Corroy)	198
76	Henry Mida	(Mr T Thompson)	198
77	Richies Rovers	(R Lovell)	197
78	Wallace Wanderers	(M Haught)	197
79	Beardsleys Hair	(Mr B Harwood)	197
80	Russell 1	(D Shute)	197
81	PSV Betanix	(L A McCole)	197
82	Dicks Dudes	(P Mison)	197
83	Robbo's Army	(P Callaghan)	196
84	The Warbirds	(K Arner)	196
85	Buxted Broncos	(C Wadland)	196
86	Mighty Men 1	(C Marshall)	196
87	Gohls Gods 34	(Mr R Gohl)	196
88	Edrops United	(R Edmondson)	196
89	Jims XI	(J Hayes)	196
90	The Black Knights	(G Green)	196
91	Not Got A Chance	(M Clark)	196
92	Popadopoulos City	(A Papadopoulos)	196
93	Forman's Finest	(A Forman)	196
94	Champions 1995-96	(S McGill)	196
95	Netbusters	(C Mitchell)	196
96	Seyern Legal	(M Moore)	196
97	Grove Rovers	(T Townsend)	195
98	Brad Cit	(D Richmond)	195
99	Stevens Lions 2	(S Brewster)	195
100	Inter Red Dragon	(D Williams)	195
101	Betley Reserves	(Mr M Wasli)	195
102	Whores Gotham	(Mr P Johnson)	195
103	Gohls Gods 35	(Mr R Gohl)	195
104	Alphasiders	(Mr A Tyerman)	195
105	SPMG Allstar XI	(S Potts)	195
106	Fantasy Formbook	(Mr G Crutchley)	195
107	Misfits Pathetic	(Mrs J Granger)	195

108	Sunlight	(D Akhtar)	195
109	The UK Beavers	(J Ehling)	195
110	Playboy And Smither	(K Booth)	195
111	Car's Hotshots	(C Carmese)	195
112	Scud 4	(P Barnes)	194
113	Alan Sugars Huge Ego	(N Emmerston)	194
114	Rovers FC	(D Summerhill)	194
115	James Jugs	(K Hughes)	194
116	A Team	(A James)	194
117	Dorcas Doughnuts	(D Burt)	194
118	Taylor Cockles	(J Taylor)	194
119	Rosies Rovers	(P Hill)	194
120	Adams Sneakers	(M Sladden)	194
121	FC Wombles	(A Williams)	194
122	Mga	(M Morgan)	193
123	Dusty All Stars	(K M Bailey)	193
124	Ammerch	(A Mathewson)	193
125	Siltdown Rovers	(S Cowan)	193
126	Kina Kickers	(G Station)	193
127	Walsham AFC	(Mr D Walsh)	193
128	Triple Peppers	(J Portwood)	193
129	Andys Athletic	(A Howes)	193
130	The Juddies	(N Giddings)	193
131	The Tarnish Cometh 2	(Mr P Ashoka)	193
132	Willow Reserves	(Mr I Davies)	193
133	Top Heavy?	(P Young)	193
134	No Hoppers	(S Harris)	193
135	Twinklows Two	(J Brown)	193
136	Sky Interactive	(P Smith)	193
137	Only Can Server	(M McInch)	193
138	Flaming Flyers	(E Ronald)	193
139	Half's Nobblers	(Mr B O'Sullivan)	193
140	Good Times United	(Mr T Stablesford)	193
141	Glenwood FC	(R Greenhalgh)	193
142	Dicks Delight	(Mrs G Jenkinson)	193
143	Guilt Utd	(N Giddings)	193
144	Than United	(P Holmes)	193
145	Dynamo Hurdley	(Mr D Stojkovic)	193
146	Parlman Beograd 1	(Mr A Weston)	193
147	The Cutting Edge	(Mr D Warner)	193
148	Eggs N'Ham	(S Burt)	193
149	Bohsten Forest	(Mr C Ben)	193
150	MEP Wanderers	(S Potage)	193
151	Diester Area	(Mr J Waters)	193
152	Fig Is A Poit	(J Burt)	193
153	Marcus's Men	(N Hild)	193
154	Fantasy Flaps?	(Mr B Gohl)	193
155	Gohls Gods E2	(A Brought)	193
156	St Mary's Saint	(L Lindstrom)	193
157	Tiggers Two	(T Martin)	193
158	Martinez 5	(M Garter)	193
159	No Fear Utd	(G Saunders)	193
160	Goal Diggers	(C Stacey)	193
161	Warren Wizards	(J Burt)	193
162	Golden Boots	(A Marshall)	193
163	Scot Utd	(S Scollick)	193
164	View Forth	(Mr J Taylor)	193
165	And-Salts	(J Lawson)	193
166	Laytons Lions	(Mr R Layton)	193
167	The Hair Bear Bunch	(V Mason)	193
168	Malcolm Hair XI	(C Wilcox)	193
169	The Ovens	(C Wilcox)	193
170	Capitine Best	(Mr D Holway)	193
171	Khamashim Shilass	(Mr G Fagel)	193
172	Jacobkide FC	(Mr A Jacobkide)	193
173	SM Balmoe 5	(S Mulligan)	193
174	Shep's Super Squad	(T Shepherd)	193
175	Los Orange	(D Swetman)	193
176	Boing Boing Bagg	(T Home)	193

177	The Talent	(S Cole)	191
178	Robbie's Rovers	(R Dick)	191
179	Morrison Mashers	(A Morrison)	191
180	Poundwick Pupils	(J Priday)	191
181	Sparring Sides	(K Douglas)	191
182	Roker Rovers	(D Milbourn)	191
183	Overhill Rovers	(Mr M James)	191
184	Dissan Dynamo	(R Hawkins)	191
185	Rush Hampton	(K Garshe)	190
186	Rapid Overton	(A Overton)	190
187	Norfolk N Good	(A Garshe)	190
188	Pucksey FC	(D Vain)	190

The players' weekly and overall scores and their values if you are considering the transfer option



Webster's strategy of spreading his £35 million budget evenly makes him the players' leading ITF selector

Balance tips the scales

I PICKED my Interactive Team Football (ITF) team when West Ham were playing at Nottingham Forest at the start of the season. Martin Allen, who was our Professional Footballers' Association representative, said he had a couple of entry forms left and it was about time I put in a team. So while the lads were warming up, I sat myself down in a corner and picked my team.

I messed up my first attempt - I put in a few of my team-mates and then discovered that was against the rules - so then I locked myself away and thought about it a bit more. All the same, I didn't know until yesterday that I was leading the players' league, so I must have picked well.

It's difficult to get the right balance of players within the £35 million budget. There are two ways of doing it. You either go for a side that won't let many goals in or you go for the star centre forwards who are going to get you lots of goals, but then that takes up all your money. And if you do it that way, you have to go for bargain basement players for your defence who won't earn you many points.

I tried for an evenly-balanced side and tried to spend the same amount of money in each area of the field. As a defender, I was looking for a solid base for the team, one that wouldn't let many goals in. I picked the Everton centre backs, Dave

Simon Webster, the West Ham United centre back, makes his ITF selections

Watson and David Unsworth. I watched Everton last season and, even though they struggled, I thought Unsworth was a good young prospect. And as for Watson, he's a good solid defender and I've always admired him.

Of course, David Seaman, of Arsenal, has earned me a lot of points but he's always been a good clean-sheet man. He may be expensive but he's worth the money for that. Neil Cox, of Middlesbrough, has done well for me, too; they've let very few goals in so far, so he's been

earning the points. I had to change the team around a couple of times to keep within the spending limit, and Cox was one of the ones I brought in because, at only £1 million, he helped balance the books. He may have started out as a second thought, but he has been a very good buy.

I decided that I wasn't going to splash out on big buys up front, which means I haven't gained a huge amount of points from my strikers. But Mark Hughes, I think, is due to score a few more goals soon. Dean Holdsworth hasn't scored as many goals as he has in previous seasons, but he's still a dangerous player.

Ruud Gullit, though, has been worth the £4 million. He has performed exceptionally well since he went to Chelsea. He has been their outstanding performer quite a few times. In fact he is the star in all their games, but that hasn't come as a surprise, because everyone expected a player of his talent to do well.

Gullit may be near the end of his career, but Glenn Hoddle has put him in a position where Chelsea will get the maximum value out of him. As a sweeper, he is out of the rough and tumble of the defence and it also means that he can move up to midfield or attack as he wants, which takes the strain off him and means he can earn me points from every area of the field.

WEBSTER'S TEAM

Goalkeeper:	D Seaman (Arsenal)	£5m
Full backs:	G Kelly (Leeds)	£2.5m
	N Cox (Middlesbrough)	£1m
Centre backs:	D Unsworth (Everton)	£2.5m
	D Watson (Everton)	£2.5m
Midfielders:	D Batty (Blackburn)	£2.5m
	T Shawwood (Sheff Wed)	£2.5m
	R Gullit (Chelsea)	£4m
	G McAllister (Leeds)	£4m
Strikers:	M Hughes (Middlesbrough)	£4m
	D Holdsworth (West Ham)	£1m

Code	Name	Team	On	Pts	Wk	OV
41405	I Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	+2+12		
41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	0.50	-0		
41409	R Slater	West Ham United	0.50	+1+0		
41410	S Lazzarides	West Ham United	0.50	+0		
41411	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+2+5		
41501	A Hinsheliff	Everton	5.00	+1+10		
41502	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	+1+1		
41503	A Linpar	Everton	2.50	+0+12		
41504	B Horne	Everton	1.50	+0+8		
41505	V Samways	Everton	1.50	+1+5		
41506	J Parkinson	Everton	0.50	+0+13		
41508	A Grant	Everton	0.50	+0+2		
41509	A Kanchelskis	Everton	6.00	+1+7		
41601	P Cook	Coventry City	2.00	+0+1		
41602	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	+1+9		
41603	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.50	+0		
41605	L Jenkinson	Coventry City	0.75	+0+1		
41606	J Darby	Coventry City	0.75	+0		
41607	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1+13		
41608	Isalas	Coventry City	3.00	+0+7		
41609	C Batista	Coventry City	0.50	+0		
41610	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+1+13		
41701	G Flitcroft	Manchester City	2.50	+0+4		
41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00	+0+3		
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50	+0+7		
41704	I Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50	+1+3		
41705	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50	+1+7		
41707	G Kinkadee	Manchester City	1.50	+0+11		
41801	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00	+2+12		
41802	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00	+2+12		
41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00	+2+16		
41804	A Tanton	Aston Villa	0.75	+0		
41805	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	+0		
41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50	+2+20		
41901	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	0.50	+1+24		
41902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	2.00	+0		
41903	J Moreno	Middlesbrough	0.50	+0		
41904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75	+1+13		
41905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00	+0+14		
41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	+0		
42002	D Lee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+0+3		
42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+0+10		
42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	+0+4		
42005	M Patterson	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+0+8		
42006	N McDonald	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	+0		
42007	W Burnett	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	+0		

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	D Holdsworth (West Ham)	£1m

Code	Name	Team	On	Pts	Wk	OV
50101	A Shearer	Blackburn Rovers	10.00	+3+31		
50102	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	7.00	+0+8		
50103	M Newell	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+3+5		
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+0+1		
50201	E Cantona	Manchester United	7.50	+1+5		
50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00	+3+10		
50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00	+1+6		
50204	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50	+1+21		
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00	+1+18		
50302	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	2.50	+0+5		
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	+3+15		
50304	G Bull	Nottingham Forest	0.75	+0		
50305	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	3.50	+0		
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00	+5+29		
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50	+0+9		
50403	I Rush	Liverpool	3.00	+5+11		
50501	A Yeobah	Leeds United	7.50	+1+27		
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50	+1+8		
50503	P Maslinga	Leeds United	1.50	+0+1		
50504	N Whelan	Leeds United	1.50	+1+1		
50505	J Forrester	Leeds United	0.50	+0		
50601	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	6.00	+1+35		
50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	+1+14		
50603	P Kluenen	Newcastle United	2.50	+0+2		
50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50	+0		
50701	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+1+25		
50702	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	+3+11		
50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+1+12		
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50	+1+6		
50802	B Allen	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+0-1		
50803	D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+0+18		
50804	G Penrice	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	+0-1		
50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00	+1+13		
50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	+0+7		
50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00	+0+4		
50904	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.75	+0		
50905	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	+0+2		
50906	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	2.50	+0+7		
51001	M Le Tissier	Southampton	6.00	+1+10		
51002	N Shipperley	Southampton	2.50	+5+13		
51003	G Watson	Southampton	2.00	+1+10		
51004	C Maskell	Southampton	0.75	+0		
51101	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+1+17		
51102	M Stein	Chelsea	2.50	+0+4		
51103	J Spencer	Chelsea	2.50	+0+4		
51104	P Spioning	Chelsea	2.50	+1+3		
51201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.50	+0+20		
51202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.50	+0+15		
51203	J Harrison	Arsenal	4.00	+0+0		
51204	C Kwongwa	Arsenal	1.50	+0		
51206	P Dickov	Arsenal	0.75	+0		
51301	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	4.00	+1+7		
51302	M Bright	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+0+11		
51303	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1+4		
51304	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	+0+3		
51305	M Degryse	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+0+8		
51401	A Coffee	West Ham United	4.50	+1+12		
51403	M Boogers	West Ham United	2.00	+0-3		
51404	I Dowie	West Ham United	0.75	+3+9		
51502	D Ferguson	Everton	2.00	+1+11		
51503	P Ridsout	Everton	3.00	+1+17		
51504	G Stuart	Everton	2.00	+1+6		
51505	S Barlow	Everton	0.75	+0		
51601	D Dublin	Coventry City	4.50	+2+11		
51602	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	4.00	+0+11		
51603	N Lamptey	Coventry City	1.00	+1+2		
51701	U Rosier	Manchester City	5.50	+1+11		
51702	N Quinn	Manchester City	4.00	+1+4		
51705	G Creaney	Manchester City	2.50	+1+3		
51801	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	4.00	+1+15		
51803	D Yorke	Aston Villa	3.00	+3+19		
51804	T Johnson	Aston Villa	2.50	+0		
51901	J Florjot	Middlesbrough	5.00	+0+11		
51902	J Hendrie	Middlesbrough	1.50	+0		
51903	P Wilkinson	Middlesbrough	1.00	+0		
51904	N Barmby	Middlesbrough	4.00	+1+15		
52001	J McGinlay	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	+0+8		
52003	M Paatelainen	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+0+5		
52004	F De Freitas	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+0+14		

WEBSTER'S TEAM

Goalkeeper:	D Seaman (Arsenal)	£5m
Full backs:	G Kelly (Leeds)	£2.5m
	N Cox (Middlesbrough)	£1m
Centre backs:	D Unsworth (Everton)	£2.5m
	D Watson (Everton)	£2.5m
Midfielders:	D Batty (Blackburn)	£2.5m
	T Shawwood (Sheff Wed)	£2.5m
	R Gullit (Chelsea)	£4m
	G McAllister (Leeds)	£4m
Strikers:	M Hughes (Middlesbrough)	£4m
	D Holdsworth (West Ham)	£1m

Code	Name	Team	On	Pts	Wk	OV
10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	+5-19		
10102	R Minnis	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	+0-1		
10201	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	+5+4		
10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	+1-1		
10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	+0		
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	+5+15		
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	+0		
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	+1-11		
10502	M Beesley	Leeds United	0.75	+0		
10601	P Smith	Newcastle United	3.00	+0		
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	+0		
10603	S Hiskop	Newcastle United	3.00	+1-17		
10701	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+1+7		
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	+0		
10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+0-7		
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	+0		
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	+1-8		
10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	1.50	+0		
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	+0		
10903	P Head	Wimbledon	1.50	+3-28		
11001	D Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	+0		
11002	D Bessant	Southampton	0.75	+1-17		
11101	D Khazim	Chelsea	2.50	+5+2		
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	+0		
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+0+24		
11202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	+0		
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1-3		
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+0		
11401	L Mikoletz	West Ham United	2.50	+5-2		
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	+0		
11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	+1-9		
11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	+0		
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	+0		
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	+0		
11603	J Folan	Coventry City	1.50	+5-23		
11701	A Colon	Manchester City	2.50	+0		
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	+0		
11703	E Izzet	Manchester City	2.00	+11-23		
11801	M Boenisch	Aston Villa	2.50	+5+15		
11802	N Spink	Aston Villa	1.00	+0		
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	+0+3		
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	+3-20		
12001	X Braganca	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	+0-34		
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	+0		

20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+4 -1
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0 -3
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+4 +1
20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	+4 +4
20202	P Parfitt	Manchester United	2.50	0 +6
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	+4 +2
20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	0 +5
20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	+1 -11
20302	D Lytle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0 +11
20303	A-H Huseini	Nottingham Forest	0.80	0 0
20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0 +15
20402	S-B Bjornbye	Liverpool	3.00	0 0
20403	S Haidar	Liverpool	0.75	+3 -18
20501	A Dorigo	Leeds United	3.50	0 +6
20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0 +7
20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	0 0
20504	K Sharp	Leeds United	0.50	0 0
20601	P Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	0 +15
20602	M Holt	Newcastle United	3.00	0 0
20603	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0 +14
20701	J Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0 +1
20702	S Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	-3 -3
20703	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0 0
20704	D Karslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.90	0 0
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0 -3
20801	D Barclay	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	-2 -2
20802	R Brewitt	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0 -3
20803	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0 0
20901	A Kinnie	Wimbledon	2.50	0 +2
20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	1.50	-1 -3
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	-1 -10
20904	R Joseph	Wimbledon	0.75	0 0
21001	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	-1 -1
21002	F Benall	Southampton	0.80	0 -2
21003	S Charlton	Southampton	0.90	0 +1
21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	0 +3
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0 +3
21103	G Hall	Chelsea	0.50	0 0
21104	A Myers	Chelsea	0.50	-3 +9
21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0 +20
21202	V Wijnshburn	Arsenal	3.00	0 +20
21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0 0
21301	D Paterson	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 +1
21302	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 +6
21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0 +3
21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	+3 +4
21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	0 -2
21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0 0
21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	0 +3
21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	0 +6
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	0 +4
21503	M Jackson	Everton	1.50	0 0
21504	P Holmes	Everton	0.50	0 -2
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	0.50	0 0
21602	A Pickering	Coventry City	0.50	0 0
21603	C Morgan	Coventry City	0.75	0 0
21604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	-3 -10
21701	T Phelan	Manchester City	1.50	0 -5
21702	R Edghill	Manchester City	1.50	-6 -9
21703	D Brightwell	Manchester City	0.75	0 0
21704	J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	0 -5
21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	+4 +19
21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	+4 +4
21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	+4 +18
21804	P King	Aston Villa	0.50	0 0
21805	B Small	Aston Villa	0.50	0 0
21901	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 0
21902	N Cox	Middlesbrough	0.90	-2 +20
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 +19
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	-2 0
22001	G Bonnici	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-12 -2
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0 -11
22003	J Phillips	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0 -13
22004	A Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0 -2
22005	M Aanespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 -2

NEWS

Forging a new entente cordiale

President Chirac and John Major sealed a new *entente cordiale* yesterday with a sweeping range of Anglo-French initiatives and a virtual declaration that "any enemy of yours is an enemy of mine".

The Prime Minister gave his most unequivocal backing yet for the French nuclear testing programme, while the president — referring to his host as "Mon cher John" — noted the "sea change" in British and French relations. Pages 1, 12

Rosemary West gives evidence

Rosemary West took centre stage at Winchester Crown Court to tell how she had been raped twice as a teenager, cut adrift by the mother she loved and duped into marrying an "evil" killer. She said that Frederick West had not allowed his family to enter the cellar at 25 Cromwell Street. Pages 1, 4, 5

Lottery winners

Individuals will be able to apply for National Lottery grants under a £100 million initiative to help people study, travel and improve their communities. Virginia Bottomley announced. Page 1

Korean war memory

The remains of a British soldier, listed as missing in action in the Korean War, were handed over by the North Koreans at Pannunjom. Page 1

Short apologies

Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, apologised for the trouble she had caused Tony Blair by calling for the legalisation of cannabis. Page 1

Spending deal

Hopes of a Cabinet deal over public spending were fading fast after ministers became trapped in new disputes over education and social security. Page 2

Army victory

The Salvation Army has scored a notable coup by recovering every penny of the £5.6 million that it lost to a sophisticated international swindle together with £3.2 million in interest. Page 3

Fishermen's appeal

Fishermen in Orkney condemned the illegal slaughter of 25 sucking seal pups but renewed calls for the Government to sanction a legal cull to protect fish and lobster stocks. Page 6

London honours the VC heroes

London paid its respects to 58 heroes of past conflicts — holders of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross — who laid a wreath at the Cenotaph. The veterans, who came from as far afield as Sarawak and Nepal, included Umrao Singh who is believed to have been instrumental in persuading John Major to increase VC pensions from £100 to £1,300. Page 3

Artistic showcase

A derelict power station on the south bank of the Thames will be transformed into a world showcase for modern art, under the Tate Gallery project awarded £50 million. Page 9

Hanging row

A Tory MP defended remarks suggesting that he was prepared to see innocent people hang as the price for bringing back the death penalty. Page 10

Massacre ruling

The Dutch Government cleared its soldiers of blame over the massacre of thousands of Bosnian Muslims during the fall of Srebrenica last summer. Page 12

Quebec vote

Even the Hôtel de Parlement, the most visible symbol of Quebec nationalism, has hints engraved with the letters VR. Page 13

Connolly action

Bernard Connolly, the British EU official who has been treated as a dissident by the European Commission since he was suspended after denouncing monetary union in a book, is taking action against the Commission in the European Court. Page 14

Army advance

The Sri Lankan Army is advancing on the town of Jaffna, headquarters of the Tamil Tigers, in some of the fiercest fighting of the 12-year civil war. Page 15



President Chirac and John Major with General Sir Michael Rose and General Bertrand de Lapresle after a presentation of honours. Page 1

BUSINESS

Lesson: German authorities began preparations to send Nick Leeson back to Singapore after the former Barings merchant bank trader abruptly broke off his fight against extradition. Page 25

Airport sale: London City Airport has been sold to Dermot Desmond, former chairman of Aer Rianta which operates Dublin. Page 25

Training: The Government is to take the politically-risky step of comparing Britain's training and educational performance against international competitors and publishing the results. Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 12.1 to 3510.0. Sterling's index was unchanged at 83.8 after a fall from £1.5800 to £1.5765 but a rise from DM2.2128 to DM2.2158. Page 28

SPORT

National stadium: Wembley and Manchester are the front runners to be the venue of England's first national stadium for 73 years. The decision will be announced today. Page 48

Crickets: Devon Malcolm, the England bowler, has been told by the manager, Ray Illingworth, that he will need to work to secure a place in the Test side. Page 48

Racing: A former professional footballer from Macclesfield, has become the talk of Melbourne after performing a flawless hoax on the Victoria Racing Club. Page 48

Rugby: Warrington rugby league club have rejected an increased offer from Cardiff rugby union club for the services of Jonathan Davies. Page 45

ARTS

Big brothers' taste: A big new exhibition at the Hayward Gallery, *Art and Power*, examines how the great dictators of our century imposed their views on painters and sculptors. Page 40

Silent witness: Fascinating early documentaries have been screened at the Pordenone Festival of Silent Film in Italy. Page 41

Squeeze please: Pop veterans Squeeze delighted the packed Albert Hall with a concert that emphasised the old-fashioned virtues of strong tunes and lyrics. Page 41

In Noël's footsteps: Peter Greenfield, formerly Noël Coward's accompanist, now recalls the master in a one-man cabaret show. Page 42



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

FASHION: Iain R. Webb on the make-over of Selfridges into a shopper's dream

INTERFACE: Win a pair of BT videophone systems — complete with PCs and cameras

Hard evidence: Researchers in London are developing a machine to predict whether a fractured tibia will heal naturally or whether a patient is destined for the operating table. Page 16

Idyllic friendship: James Gregory was Nelson Mandela's jailer for 20 years. R. W. Johnson meets the President's close friend. Page 17

Nigella Lawson: "Anyone who has ever met a politician out of uniform knows that once they've taken their boots off they can believe any number of things that their manifesto says they shouldn't." Page 17

In a tangle: MPs have forced the Lord Chancellor to delay plans to protect unmarried women from violence. Sally Hughes on the danger of fast-track legislation. Page 35

There is no mistaking Washington's strong preference for continued Canadian unity. Separation could complicate economic, political and human relations across the St Lawrence. — *New York Times*

It is hard to see what French-Canadians can gain what they don't already have. Separation might look like a nice fantasy to some but more than likely it will turn out a nightmare to many. — *Washington Times*

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LISTINGS

Preview: Undercover in the Philippines in order to bring paedophiles to justice: *Network First: Defender of the Children* (ITV, 10.40pm) Review: Peter Barnard on Paul Edgington's casual courage on *Face to Face*. Page 47

OPINION

Muffled silence

There has never been a greater need for transparency in the deliberations which will determine the future of the EU. If voices such as Bernard Connolly's are silenced, we will all be losers. Page 19

Future of a tense past

If the African National Congress has chosen to play to the electoral gallery, it has made a serious error: for the sake of a few votes, it has put a principle at risk. Page 19

In crossword country

Today, as it enters what it would describe as its 21st century, it is far too late to stop or deplore the craze that has become an enduring national institution. Page 19

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

The mood of the moment is such that whenever we are offered a soft escapism, we fall on it with a most un-British urgency. Look at the Rev Chris Brain's rave services. Look at the National Lottery, and how pathetically addicted we are already. Page 18

MAGNUS LINKLATER

If it ever came to a referendum on Europe, the arguments about economic isolation and the virtues of a larger union would be similar to those in Quebec. Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

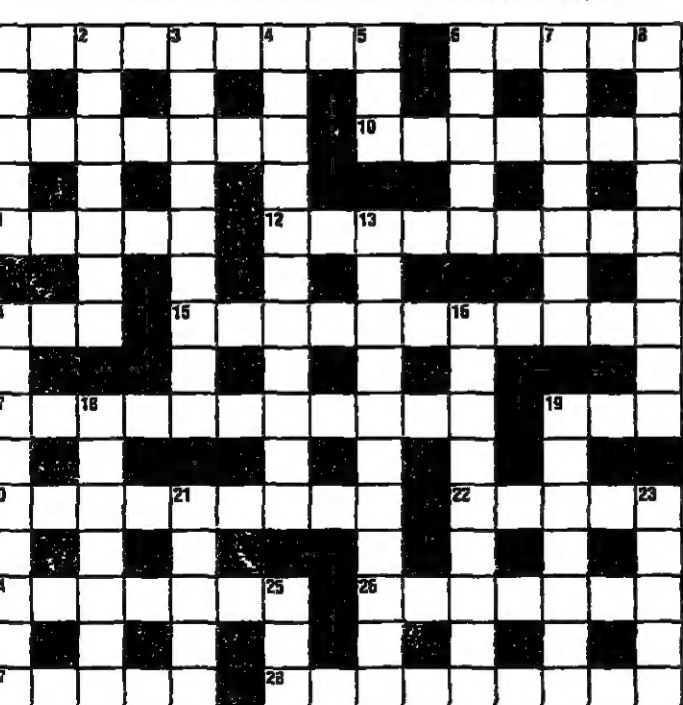
The Nolan inquiry's proposals on the outside interests of MPs have naturally attracted most public attention, but they are secondary to making the Commons more effective, and hence more respected by the public. Page 10

PERIPHERIES

Captain George Phillips, wartime submarine commander; Ian Greig, founder of the Monday Club; Michael Duffield, television producer; Carleton Hetherington, Secretary of the Association of County Councils. Page 21

NATO as peacekeeper: lottery dangers; farm subsidies. Page 19

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,000



ACROSS
1.6 This is it (9,5).
1.9 Group of five detectable in solution (9,7).
10 Taken out of context, remedy is drastic (7).
11 Correspond in a foreign language, mostly (5).
12 Continue in employ head after cut (9).
14 It often gets put in this machine (2).
15 Marine to boat by a small margin in race (11).
17 Times splitting clue is very odd, in roundabout fashion (11).
19 How to score with cricket side century as opener (3).
20 Can go wrong in rare error, showing overconfidence (9).
22 Home is where the heart is? Possibly (5).
24 Times long ago performing in singular fashion (4,3).

DOWN
1 Disciple in church — Eastern, note (5).
2 Short circular letter from abroad (7).
3 Exploding shell over here? Duck! (9).
4 Noticing a comment (11).
5 Very last bits of crossword you solve? Exactly (3).
6 Mollycoddles a couple turning up for dance (1-4).
7 Individual with cunning of newspaper from the past (2-4).
8 Some deliveries made, passed on the way (9).
13 Each event I'm turning into a success (11).
14 Soldier last out of the island? That's right (9).
16 Post's an easy-going type about unfinished set of verses (9).
18 Saksons, perhaps, in which heavy-weight boxes (7).
19 Fancy headgear being worn, in pink (7).
21 Union hero gets financial support (5).
23 It's rash to take as leader an unknown quantity (5).
25 Fish found with sole in Billingsgate? (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,999

PORTLAND GASTRO
TOMATO SNACKS
BROADCAST FRANK
ELIOT ALPENHORN
MUNDPRE ARBIT
FEDUP COURTESY
LOTTERIES INPUT
DARKER

THE TIMES WEATHERCALL

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AA ROADWATCH

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday's highest and lowest temperatures (°C) in various parts of the country

FORECAST

General: early mist and fog will clear to give most of England and Wales a dry and warm day with some pleasant autumn sun. Later, northern parts will be cloudy, perhaps with a little drizzle.

Much of the north and Scotland will have a cloudy day with some rain or drizzle. The rain over northern Scotland will clear and it will turn brighter and fresher there.

Northern Ireland will also brighten in the afternoon and will feel warm.

London, E Anglia, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales: sunny spells after early mist. Wind southwest light. Max 16C (61F).

S E England, Central S England, Channel Isles, S W England: sunny spells after early mist. Wind southwest to east. Light Max 15C (59F).

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

AROUND BRITAIN					
24-25 Nov 1954					
	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Temp	Wind
	°F	mph	%	°F	mph
Aberdeen	10	15	12	34	10
Accrington	10	15	58	59	10
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